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JAPAN PUTS OUT A FEELER Prepared To "Halt Expansion"

KONOYE WARNING SPEECH

"There is no doubt that this war is bringing serious effects to Japan," declared Prince Konoye, the Japanese Premier, addressing the sixteenth plenary session of the National Mobilisation Investigatory Commission in Tokyo yesterday.

"Moreover it is difficult to predict where this conflict in Europe may spread," he added.

"In view of the rapidly changing world situation everyone in Japan must always be prepared to meet worse."

"The Government is doing everything within its power to mobilise the country's resources and manpower to meet any situation that may arise in future."

Prince Konoye urged members of the Commission to study all problems in bringing about a speedy carrying out of all the Government's mobilisation plans. —Reuter.

N.E.I. WILL FIGHT

"Should circumstances arise owing to the geographical situation of the East Indies to force a fight upon us, there is no doubt whatever that we would, with our Allies, accept that fight," declared Queen Wilhelmina in a special broadcast to her subjects all over the world last night.

Queen Wilhelmina added she did not forget her peoples in the western hemisphere to whom the force of war could bring its horrors.

"She knew that an appeal to their peoples, army and navy to bear sacrifices would not be in vain. — Reuter.

TATUTA TO PUT INTO SAN FRANCISCO

Japan's crack liner, the N.Y.K. Tatuta Maru, has been given special permission to discharge her passengers in San Francisco where she is expected in a few hours. — Reuter.

If Fait Accompli In Indo-China Is Recognised!

JAPAN IS WILLING TO CALL A HALT TO EXPANSION IF THE DEMOCRACIES RECOGNISE A "FAIT ACCOMPLI" IN INDO-CHINA.

If, on the other hand, "encirclement" in the Pacific continues — in other words if the economic Sanctions are aggravated by an embargo on oil — Japan will have to consider taking measures to "prevent herself being strangled."

SIR ROBERT CRAIGIE AT GAIMUSHO

Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and Admiral Toyoda, the Japanese Foreign Minister, conferred for more than half an hour yesterday afternoon, according to the Domei agency.

The agency understands they discussed latest developments in Anglo-Japanese relations. — Reuter.

FREEZING IN CANTON

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN JAPANESE AND AMERICANS AND BRITONS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPLIED IN JAPAN HAVE ALSO BEEN APPLIED IN CANTON SINCE MONDAY, ACCORDING TO A NOTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL YESTERDAY.

The Kwangtung government is said to be taking parallel action concerning the Chinese but this report has not yet been confirmed. — Reuter Special.

Astonishing Rumour

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THERE IS NO TRUTH IN THE RUMOUR THAT 20,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE ALREADY IN EGYPT.

Only American service personnel in Egypt are a few observers there in connection with considerable deliveries of American equipment now taking place in the Middle East. — Reuter.

That is how the Tokyo correspondent of the Vichy news agency — quoting "well-informed Japanese quarters" — summed up the attitude of the Japanese Government last night.

The correspondent "does not despair of finding a basis for a modus vivendi with the United States when the psychological effect of the credit blockade subsides." — Reuter.

Official's Statement

"Our Government is fully prepared to measure up to any situation that is developing or likely to develop in connection with the Anglo-American combination in the Far East."

This statement, made by Mr. Takenosuke Miyamoto, Deputy President of the Planning Board is emphasised in a leading article in the semi-official Tokyo newspaper "Japan Times" yesterday.

Everything that had happened by way of economic war was anticipated, declared Mr. Miyamoto. Japan had planned its economy for the latter half of this year without counting on supplies from Britain or the U.S.

"From The South"

The programme for material supplies was based on the degree of self-supply achieved or to be achieved by the combination of Japan, Manchukuo and China, "together with what supplements may be obtained from some countries in the south."

ALTHOUGH JAPAN WAS FULLY PREPARED TO MEET THE SITUATION THERE WAS NO DOUBT OF ITS GRAVITY AND THE URGENCY OF DEVELOPING JAPAN'S FIGHTING POWER ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS.

Military Problem

The Japanese are still heavily outnumbered by the Soviet armies in eastern Siberia and face considerable obstacles in any move southward from Indo-China, U.S. Government officials told pressmen in Washington yesterday.

Speaking on the basis of "detailed information from the Orient," they expressed the belief that Japan is forced by limited land and air power to adopt a

SOVIETS HITTING BACK

The present Russian counter-attacks might be the start of larger ones, though evidence in London of a major Russian counter-offensive is lacking.

Everything depends on material, equipment, and the number of men available.

There is still intense fighting in the Pskov, Smolensk and Kiev areas.

The Russians have launched strong counter-attacks, particularly in the Smolensk sector.

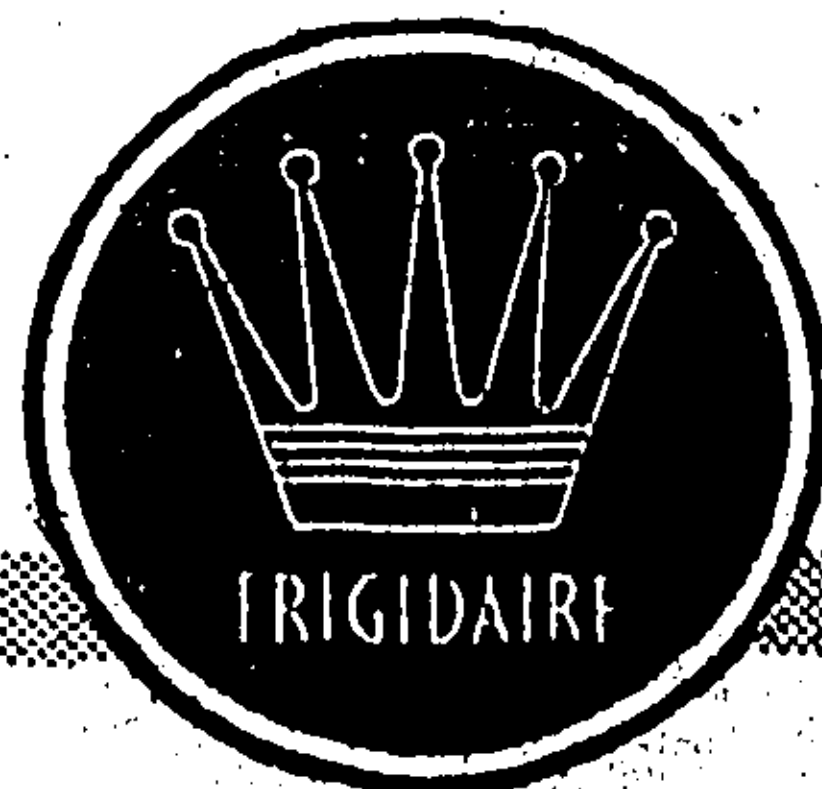
The Germans have made no progress anywhere apart perhaps from a very slight advance south of Kiev.

Baltic Battle

Four Soviet torpedo-boats scattered an enemy convoy escorted by destroyers and torpedo-boats in the Baltic and sank a barge laden with tanks and infantry, reports the official Tass agency in Moscow last night.

One Soviet vessel was damaged in the engagement but the others formed a smoke screen round her, beat off the enemy and escorted her to her base. — Reuter.

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JUNIOR CABINET MINISTERS?

IT WAS REVEALED IN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY THAT 162 AMERICAN PILOTS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED INTO THE BRITISH AIR TRANSPORT AUXILIARY SERVICE.

They are on a yearly contract and their salary is £1,937, 17s and 9d a year free of United Kingdom income tax. — Reuter.

Conciliatory Spirit Revealed

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

RUSSIA AND POLAND HAVE AGREED TO BURY THE HATCHET AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL BE RESUMED FORTHWITH. A GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WAS SIGNED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

HISTORIC EVENT ANNOUNCED IN COMMONS

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, ANNOUNCING THE SOVIET-POLISH AGREEMENT AMID LOUD CHEERS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, SAID THIS HISTORIC EVENT WOULD LAY A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE POLISH-SOVIET COLLABORATION IN THE WAR AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY. (CHEERS).

It would therefore be a valuable contribution to the common cause (cheers), and would be warmly welcomed in all friendly countries and not least among all countries of the British Empire. (Loud cheers).

Mr. Eden congratulated those who had shown such wise statesmanship in coming to an agreement. (Cheers).

The cheers were renewed when Mr. Eden announced the Soviet Government's consent under the agreement (which was signed at the Foreign Office in London yesterday afternoon) to the formation of a Polish army on Soviet territory.

Mr. Eden stated that arrangements for the immediate resumption of Soviet-Polish diplomatic relations were being made.

British Note

He stated that after the signature he handed General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, the following Note:—

"On the occasion of the signature of the Polish-Soviet Agreement of to-day's date I desire to take the opportunity to inform you that in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement of Mutual Assistance between the United Kingdom and Poland of August 25, 1939, the Government of the United Kingdom have entered into no undertakings with Soviet Russia which affect the relations of that country and Poland.

"I also desire to assure you that the British Government do not recognise territorial changes affected in Poland since 1939."

Polish Reply

General Sikorski handed Mr. Eden the following reply:

"The Polish Government take note of Your Excellency's letter dated July 30, 1941, and desire to express sincere satisfaction at the statement that the British Government do not recognise any territorial changes which have been effected in Poland since August, 1939.

"This corresponds with the view of the Polish Government which, as they previously informed the British Government, have never recognised any territorial changes in Poland since the outbreak of the present war."

Mr. Eden pointed out that the Soviet-Polish Agreement stated that the Soviet Government re-

cognised that the Soviet-German treaties of 1939 concerning territorial changes in Poland had lost their validity.

British Attitude

He recalled that the attitude of the British Government was stated in general terms by the Prime Minister in the Commons on September 5, 1940, when he said the British Government did not propose to recognise any territorial changes which took place during the war unless they took place with the free consent and goodwill of the parties concerned.

Mr. Eden added this held good for territorial changes effected in Poland since August, 1939, "and I informed the Polish Government accordingly in my official Note."

Replying to supplementary questions Mr. Eden said the exchange of Notes did not involve any guarantee of frontiers by the British Government.

Both Satisfied

He answered in the affirmative a question by Sir Percy Harris (Liberal) in regard to whether both parties were satisfied with the terms of the agreement and whether it was mutual in respect to the Governments of both nations.

Mr. Ellis Smith (Labour) asked if as there was a huge potential Polish army in the Soviet Union, would Mr. Eden do all he could to equip that army as quickly as possible.

Mr. Eden said that would be a matter for the Soviet Government, "but we have had in mind throughout the negotiations the enormous value for the Allied cause of the raising and equipping rapidly of a Polish army in Russia."

Congratulations

Mr. Hore-Belisha congratulated Mr. Eden on the part he had played in mediating this agreement, and asked would Mr. Eden also make known to our principal enemy Hitler, that this was the result of his wanton attack on Russia.

Mr. Edwards (Labour) asked

The negotiations have been delicate but both Governments have shown understanding and a conciliatory spirit.

The agreement is accompanied by an exchange of documents between the Polish and British Governments, in which the latter records its adhesion.

Two principal subjects covered by the agreement are the questions of Polish prisoners and existing treaties.

The Soviet Government has immediately ordered a general amnesty to Poles in Russia, with complete freedom of movement.

This decision will affect some 500,000 civilian prisoners now in Soviet hands, as well as about 100,000 soldiers.

IT IS EXPECTED A LARGE NUMBER WILL VOLUNTEER AT ONCE FOR SERVICE AGAINST THE GERMANS.

Null And Void

As regards treaties, the Soviet Government expressly declares the treaty concluded with the Germans in 1939 to be null and void.

This treaty among other things established the line of the frontiers between Germany and Soviet Russia.

Effect of this happy solution of the conflict between Poland and Russia will inspire those Poles still suffering under the Nazi yoke with fresh hope and encouragement.

It marks a big step forward towards post-war collaboration and is a sign of confidence in the victory of the Allies.

A word of tribute must also be paid to the good offices of the British Secretary of State which greatly helped to bring about the agreement.—Reuter.

A.B. TURNS FILM STAR

An ordinary able seaman, Billy White, is the screen's newest star, writes Reg Whitley, "Daily Mirror" Film Critic.

He makes his highly successful twenty-minute documentary film made by the Crown Film Unit.

Acted entirely by a cast of actual seamen—they found Billy White aboard a ship returned from China—it is a real-life drama of a convoy.

Has His Revenge

Billy joins a ship which is mortally hit, and is rescued by lifeboat "I'll get my own back," he says.

So he joins another ship, takes up a gunnery course, makes a perilous voyage through a mine-field and then spots a U-boat.

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was the Note handed to Gen. Sikorski on the signing of the agreement known beforehand and was it part of the amicable arrangement of all parties. Mr. Eden replied, yes, that was all arranged beforehand. — Reuter.

CONGRESS COMMITTEE AND SELECTEES

By 15 votes to seven the Military Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday approved the legislation extending beyond the previously stipulated year the military service of selectees, National Guardsmen, reserve officers and enlisted personnel. — Reuter.

SIMPLE CEREMONY AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE

SIMPLICITY MARKED THE SIGNING OF THE SOVIET-POLISH AGREEMENT IN THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S ROOM AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN LONDON YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The Prime Minister presided, with Mr. Eden on his right and General Sikorski (Polish Premier) next to Mr. Eden, while M. Maisky (Soviet Ambassador) and M. Novikoff (Councillor of the Soviet Embassy) were on the Prime Minister's left.

The Polish text and the Russian text of the agreement were placed before the representatives of those countries and signed by them in their own language first.

After the signing was completed Mr. Eden said a few words of congratulation.

General Sikorski followed and then M. Maisky and finally Mr. Churchill. Mr. Churchill said the Pact marked the association of two historic nations in the defence of human rights.

General Cordiality

After they had all spoken, Mr. Eden handed General Sikorski the official Note to which General Sikorski handed Mr. Eden a reply.

Immediately after the ceremony was completed and hands shaken all round in an atmosphere of general cordiality, Mr. Eden set off for the House of Commons to announce the signature.—Reuter.

Tutilla Bombing Protest

The U.S. Navy Department yesterday announced that the U.S. gunboat Tutilla was damaged by Japanese bombs during the latest raid on Chungking.

No casualties were caused. A Washington spokesman said the raiders loosed several bombs over the gunboat, slightly damaging the stern superstructure and some equipment and shattering the Tutilla's small outboard motorboat.

The spokesman believed the damage was incidental to the general raid although the Tutilla was anchored in the so-called safety area across the Yangtze River from Chungking. The U.S. Government has strongly protested to Japan.—Reuter.

OPERATION ON DR. TAGORE

The Indian poet, Rabindranath Tagore, has undergone an operation, it was announced in Calcutta yesterday, and his condition is described as satisfactory. It is believed he had kidney trouble. — Reuter.

ITALIAN PRISONERS IN BRITAIN

TWO THOUSAND ITALIAN WAR PRISONERS HAVE ARRIVED IN GREAT BRITAIN FOR WORK UNDER THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

They will be employed on ditching, draining land, reclamation and general agricultural work.

Labour camps have been constructed in suitable rural areas.—Reuter.

Japanese Move In Thailand Only A Matter Of Time

BAIT OF NEW TERRITORY POSSIBLE

WHILE THE THAI AUTHORITIES DENY THAT JAPAN HAS OFFERED CAMBODIA AND LAOS (PROVINCES OF INDO-CHINA) AS A QUID PRO QUO IF THAILAND JOINS THE "NEW ORDER," WELL-INFORMED OBSERVERS IN BANGKOK BELIEVE IT IS ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE JAPAN SOUNDS THAILAND ON PROPOSALS OF SOME SORT.

They think it quite probable that Japan will shortly offer the world-famous Angkor Wat and Laos, in Indo-China, in the belief that Thailand would be very glad to have the former for sentimental reasons and the latter on international political grounds.

The offer might be subject to two important conditions.

FIRSTLY, JAPAN TO HAVE A VIRTUAL MONOPOLY OF THAILAND'S RICE, TIN AND RUBBER EXPORTS.

SECONDLY, TEMPORARY FACILITIES FOR JAPAN TO USE NAVAL AND AIR BASES IN THAILAND.

Observers maintain that whether Thailand would seriously consider such a conditional offer, when it comes, is another question altogether, though it would largely depend on the attitude of Britain and America.

No Walkover

They are sure Japan knows better than to assume that the walk-over of Vichy could be repeated in Bangkok despite the fact that Japanese forces are now poised on Thailand's eastern borders.

According to the same observers those at present guiding Thailand's destinies are very closely following every facet of the Far Eastern crisis and the latest Anglo-American reactions to it.

They are fully alive to the fact that Britain and America would consider the above-mentioned economic condition as active assistance to any Japanese counter-blockade, and the strategic condition as an abandonment of Thailand's neutrality.

Possible Feeler

Even if Thailand is prepared to discuss a modified form of the economic condition she cannot easily be persuaded to commit herself on the strategic condition.

It is also equally probable that Japan will immediately ask Thailand to recognise the Manchukuo and Nanking regimes.

This would be a feeler to see to what extent Thailand relies on the backing of other powers to resist pressure.

Thailand has met no pressure, economic or military, from any power and has no anxiety whatever about being the object of military aggression by any foreign country, says a Bangkok Montague reaffirming Thailand's foreign policy.

It adds that Thailand will not be concerned in any dispute arising outside her borders but will gladly carry on trade relations with foreign countries, with a view to maintaining friendly relations with every country. — Reuter.

MEN FLOAT 24 HOURS ON 2 OARS

An R.A.F. sergeant and two of his comrades, survivors from a ship shelled by the enemy, spent twenty-four hours on a raft made of two oars lashed together, with their legs dangling in the water, before they were picked up by a British warship.

The other night it was announced that the sergeant, Frank Richard Woolven, has been awarded the British Empire Medal (Military Division).

While he was in the water, Woolven collected the oars and a length of rope, which were floating near, and made his "raft." The three of them were able to lie on it with their legs over one oar and their backs against the other.

Following an explosion in a minefield, which killed a number of soldiers, four wounded men were left marooned among unexploded mines.

Captain (Temporary Major) Gerrard B. Matthews, Dorsetshire Regt., decided the only way to reach the survivors was to put planks over the wire.

He did so, fully aware of the danger of exploding mines. His resourcefulness and courage saved the lives of the four men, and for his action he has been awarded the George Medal.

FOUGHT FIRE WITH HANDS

As three members of the crew of a blazing bomber baled out over the Dutch coast, the observer fought the fire with his hands, got it under control, then helped the captain bring the crippled plane home.

After attacking a target in Germany, the aircraft came under heavy anti-aircraft fire. Shells burst all round, and fragments splattered the aircraft like rain. Flames spread over the wing, and came through the fuselage. The crew were still fighting the fire when they reached the Dutch coast.

When fire also started in the wireless operator's cabin, and there was danger of the aircraft blowing up at any second, the captain turned back over the land and gave the order to bale out.

A STRONG DETERRENT

The break-up of the Italian "mystery boat" attack on Valetta harbour is the subject of a telegram of congratulations from the Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, Sir John Dill, to the Commander-in-Chief, Malta, Lt.-Gen. Sir William Dobbie.

Sir John Dill states: "Please convey my congratulations to all ranks of the Royal Marine Artillery manning the fixed defences on their great success in breaking up the determined enemy sea-borne attack on the Grand Harbour."

"The action of these gunners has excited universal admiration here in the United Kingdom. The skill and determination shown by them will act as a strong deterrent to future enemy attacks by sea." — Reuter.

INDIA FREEZES CREDITS OF CHINA

THE RESERVE BANK of India yesterday issued instructions to all banks that the accounts of all persons and firms resident in China, including Shanghai, or the accounts of all firms and companies incorporated therein or under the control of residents of these territories and operating in India, shall be blocked.

Banks have been informed they may honour obligations under confirmed credits opened on or before July 30, 1941, on behalf of residents of these countries and may also accept bills or pay cheques drawn by such persons, provided they are presented by residents of India who became holders for value on or before July 30, 1941.

The following accounts are exempted from the order but funds therein are released for payments within the sterling area only:—

The Central Bank of China, the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications, the Farmers Bank of China, the National Government of the Republic of China or any agency thereof.

In addition, for the time being, the exemption also applies to the accounts in India of Chinese branches of authorised dealers in foreign exchange.

Private Remittances

Private remittances to China are no longer permitted and remittances for commercial purposes must be credited in rupees or sterling to any exempted account or to a blocked rupee account of a resident of China.

The private accounts of Chinese residents of India are not restricted. — Reuter.

land and gave the order to bale out.

The wireless operator, second pilot and rear-gunner got past the flames and dropped through the front hatch.

"Meanwhile my observer was fighting the fire with his hands," said the captain. "He was tearing the burning stuffing from the wireless operator's seat, and throwing it out of the aircraft. Suddenly he shouted that the fire inside the aircraft was under control and just then the flames around the port engine died down."

The captain decided to try his luck over the sea, and the observer volunteered to stay with him.

They had flown for two hours over the sea on only one good engine and with the constant threat of fire recurring.

BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE

There has been no change of the policy of the British Government with regard to Palestine, said Mr. Churchill in the Commons yesterday in answer to a question. — Reuter.

"GUARDS" ON BRITISH FIRMS

A Shanghai dispatch states that the Japanese have stationed gendarmes around British and American firms in Tsingtao. — Central News.

'KEEP NAZIS DOWN'

The hope that after the war had been won Allied troops would march into Berlin to hold the Germans down during "the period of their re-education" was expressed in the Commons the other day.

Mr. Mander (Lib., Wolverhampton, E.) voiced this sentiment after Mr. Rhys Davies (Soc., West Houghton) had raised the question of peace aims.

Mr. Davies said he lived in Manchester and had seen two nights of hell. He thought the time had arrived when the growing volume of opinion among the homeless, injured and maimed ought to be stated in Parliament.

In Grim Mood

The Government had got to make a statement as to what we were fighting about.

Mr. Mander said the people of this country were in a grim and determined mood, and no difficulties and no defeats were going to let us down.

Germany would have to be held down and prevented from starting another war during the period of re-education.

He hoped that on this occasion the victorious Allied troops would be seen in Berlin so that the Germans could not say again: "We did not lose the war."

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VAST GERMAN FIFTH COLUMN AT WORK IN NEAR EAST

A "VAST GERMAN Fifth Column" is in Iran and Afghanistan, according to the "Eastern correspondent" of the Independent French Agency.

The correspondent says: "The diplomatic representatives of Great Britain and Russia are at present engaged at Teheran and Kabul in combatting the subterranean activities of the Fifth Column."

"Utilising these two centres as bases, German agents and saboteurs are infiltrating into the neighbouring territories of the Soviet Caucasian Republics, the Republic of Turkmen and Soviet Turkestan, as well as the North-West Frontier of India."

"Accidents, which appear to be attributable to sabotage, in industrial centres in the Caucasus, have led to increased vigilance by the Soviet authorities."

"It is understood Great Britain is specially concerned with safeguarding the refineries and oil wells of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company in southern Iran."

Dangerous Activities

"There is good reason to believe that German agents are working in close collaboration with White Russian refugees, some of whom have been furnished with German passports."

"The Soviet and British Ministers have drawn the attention of the Iranian Government to the dangerous activities of German agents who are trying to enlist the support of Iranian subjects trading in Soviet and British territories."

"It is noted that twice within a period of six weeks the Afghan Government has made a point of proclaiming its determination to maintain strict neutrality."

Afghan Youth

"Nevertheless certain groups of young Afghans have been won over to Nazi ideas and are playing the game of the local Nazi agents who are conducting propaganda of a somewhat simple and unoriginal character."

"They emphasise, first, that Afghans owe it to themselves to ensure the return of the Afghan minorities to their country, secondly, that a country like Afghanistan should have a powerful air force to ensure its defence." — Reuter.

HANKOW INCIDENT

IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY SIR J. S. WARDLAW-MILNE ASKED MR. EDEN WHETHER HE WAS AWARE THAT THE ENFORCED CLOSING DOWN, AT THE INSTANCE OF THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES, OF THE ONLY BRITISH NEWS AGENCIES IN HANKOW — REUTER AND THE "CENTRAL CHINA POST" — WILL HAVE THE RESULT THAT LARGE AREAS OF CENTRAL CHINA WILL IN FUTURE DEPEND FOR NEWS ON AXIS SOURCES ALONE.

In reply, Mr. Eden said he appreciated the point raised and that a report had been called for, which had not yet been received.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne: Will Mr. Eden consider carefully whether there are any measures we can take to prevent this stoppage of publication of British news in China?

Mr. Eden: I entirely agree. That is why I have asked for this report, to see what steps we can take. — Reuter.

DIVE BOMBERS BEATEN OFF

A German dive-bombing attack on British shipping off the coast of Cyrenaica, North Africa, on Tuesday, was driven off by R.A.F. fighters which shot down six enemy planes, according to yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

A STRONG FORMATION OF JUNKERS 8'S ESCORTED BY MESSEBSCHMITTS, MADE THE ATTACK. FOUR BOMBERS AND TWO FIGHTERS WERE BROUGHT DOWN.

Reconnaissance has shown that Monday's raids on aerodromes in Sicily were more successful than was first thought.

Both at Catania and Borizzio the number of badly damaged aircraft was greater than originally reported and the number of planes confirmed as destroyed during the sweep has risen to 36, with the knowledge that six, and not four, fighters were destroyed at Catania.

The communique also reports the dropping of some 10 bombs on a quay and ship-

Brendan Bracken Jollied

Mr. Brendan Bracken, new Minister of Information, was tackled in the Commons yesterday on the question of expediting the release of spot news and topical pictures to the U.S. and British Dominions.

He was asked to take into consideration the fact that the eminent American journalist, Miss Dorothy Thompson, said more hot news was wanted in America.

Mr. Brendan Bracken declared he would do everything in his power to give the maximum amount of news and photographs to the U.S. and the British Dominions, and indeed to any part of the world that would like to have British news. — Reuter.

WOMEN RUSH TO BOMBING

Women fire-watchers were among civil defence workers who went immediately into action when a lone German plane dropped five bombs on an East Anglian town the other night.

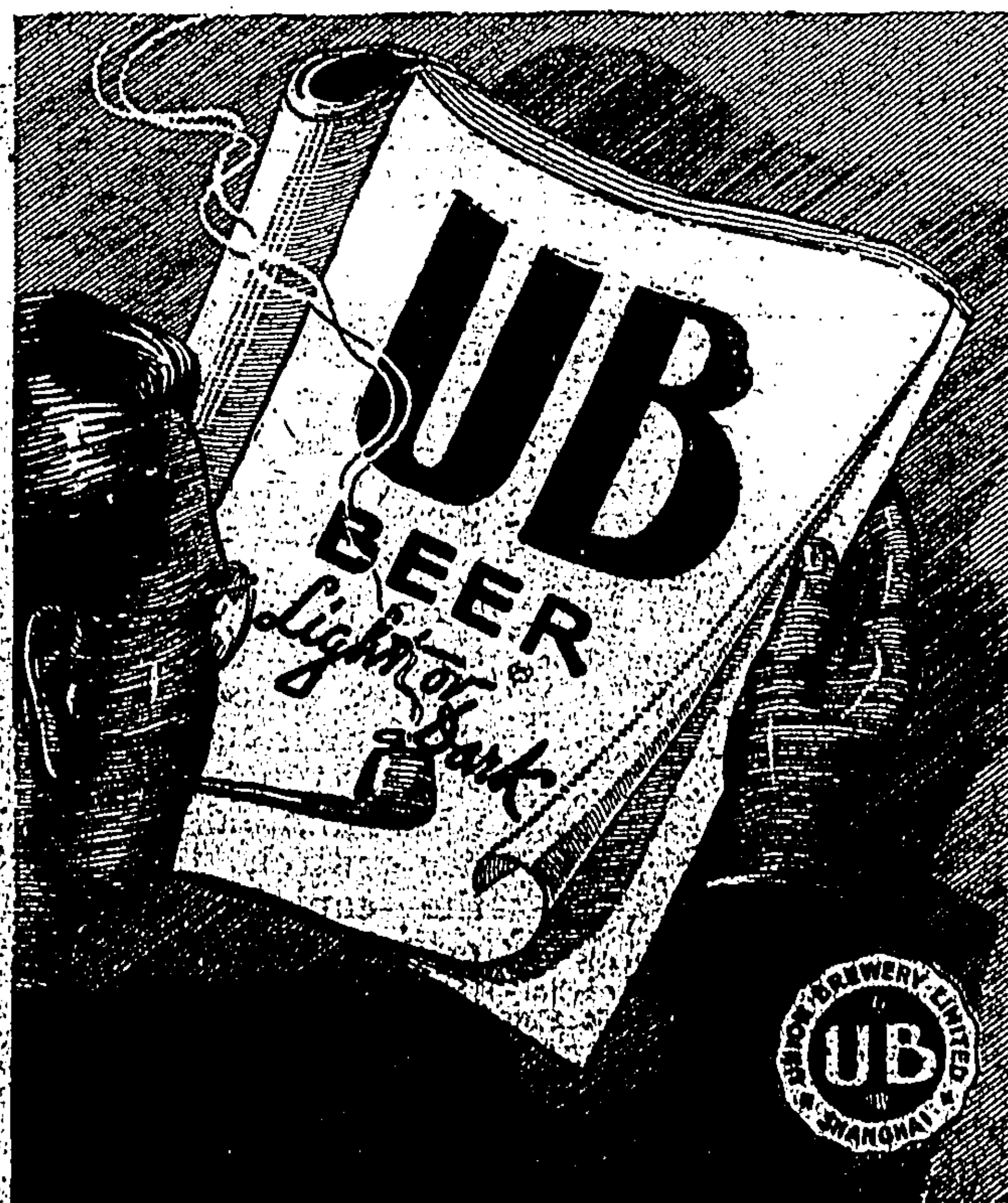
The raider came low and succeeded in destroying one small house in a residential area. His other bombs fell in a roadway and on open country.

The elderly couple whose house was destroyed are believed to have been staying with friends when the bombs dropped. Charles Wentworth, a lorry-driver, crouched under his lorry when he heard the bombs whistling down. He was uninjured. As far as is known there were no casualties.

Raiders were also reported near another East Anglian town.

ping at Benghazi during a raid on Monday night by R.A.F. heavy bombers.

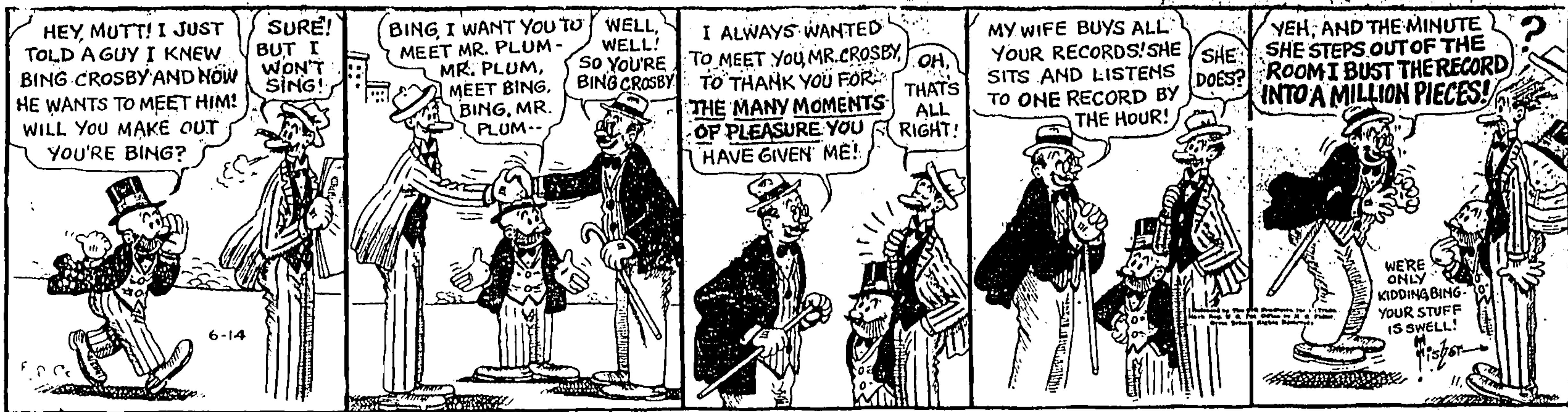
Two R.A.F. planes are missing from the latest operations. — Reuter.



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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



SOLDIERS' HOME 'BLITZ' 'TECS'

Soldiers will no longer be kept in suspense about the fate of their families in blitzed areas.

An immense organisation has been set up by the Army Welfare Council to deal with this problem.

It consists mainly of volunteer workers in every town and city who will work with an Army liaison officer whenever a district is blitzed.

The chief aim of this organisation is to stop the flood of telegrams and phone calls to blitzed areas from Servicemen.

The liaison officer will be on duty at the Town Hall to answer Army queries and make investigations on behalf of soldiers. A team of dispatch riders will help him.

Special compassionate leave will be granted to men whose families have suffered. This will not be deducted from ordinary leave. If soldiers run short of money when called

home, they will be able to draw what they need.

Give Wife Card

War Office advice is contained in a pamphlet which is to be issued to the Services. It says:

Every soldier should give his wife or nearest relative a card with his name and particulars (regimental number and unit), which she should carry in her identity card.

If the wife or relative is killed or injured, he will be informed quickly by the War Office, provided the relative concerned was carrying the card. No news will, therefore, probably be good news.

Wives and relatives should write a postcard saying "All's well" to their serving soldier as soon as possible after a raid.

LUCKY 13 WHO LEFT THE HOOD

One little party, at least, in the British Navy does not consider No. 13 always unlucky.

They are thirteen members of the crew of H.M.S. Hood, who a few days before she was due to sail were transferred to a shore establishment for a course.

FIGHTER PILOT IN PULPIT

A fair-haired, youthful squadron-leader of the Fighter Command, whose job is hurtling through the skies in one of the world's fastest machines of 1,000 h.p., preached a sermon in Westminster Abbey the other night — against machinery.

The squadron-leader, whose name was not given, was preaching at an Empire Youth service.

"Machinery," he said, "is tending to crowd out other thoughts in all the Services and every walk of life.

"It is only through material things, and through man's reliance upon them, that the world is plunged into the bitterness of this war.

"Many generations, before us built, as they thought, a solid world on their own material values, forgetting they had spiritual needs and their dependence on God.

A New World

"We must not make that same mistake, for which we are all now paying the penalty."

"This task of remaking society will call for as much heroism as the fighting on land and sea and in the air. We are in at the death of the old world. Let us pray that we may be in at the resurrection of a new."

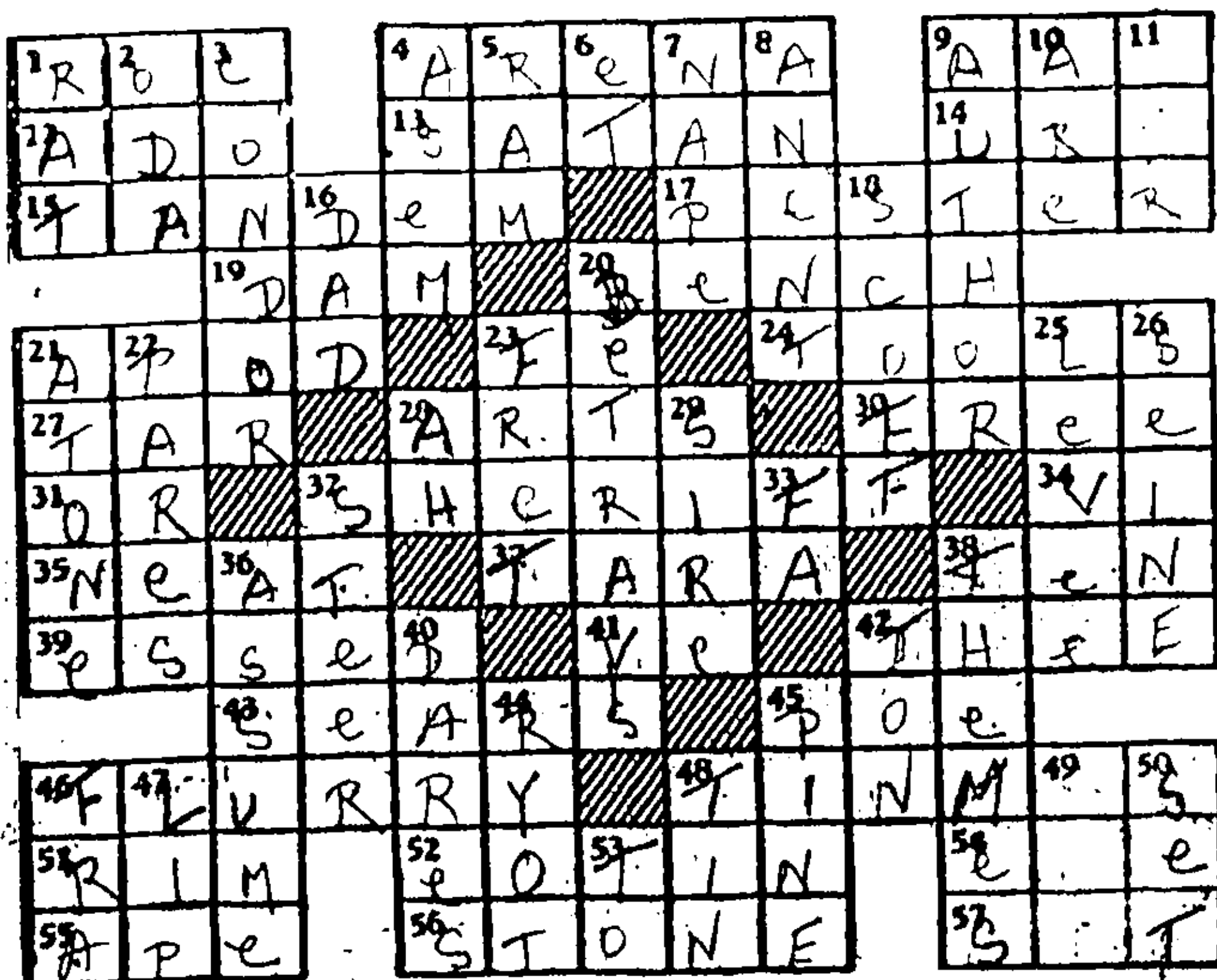
Victor Hayward Hall, 17, secondary schoolboy, sent a call to prayer to young men and women in lands afar "who are our comrades in the cause of truth and freedom."

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- 27 Sailor
- 28 Branches of learning
- 30 Grate
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- 34 Six
- 35 Tidy
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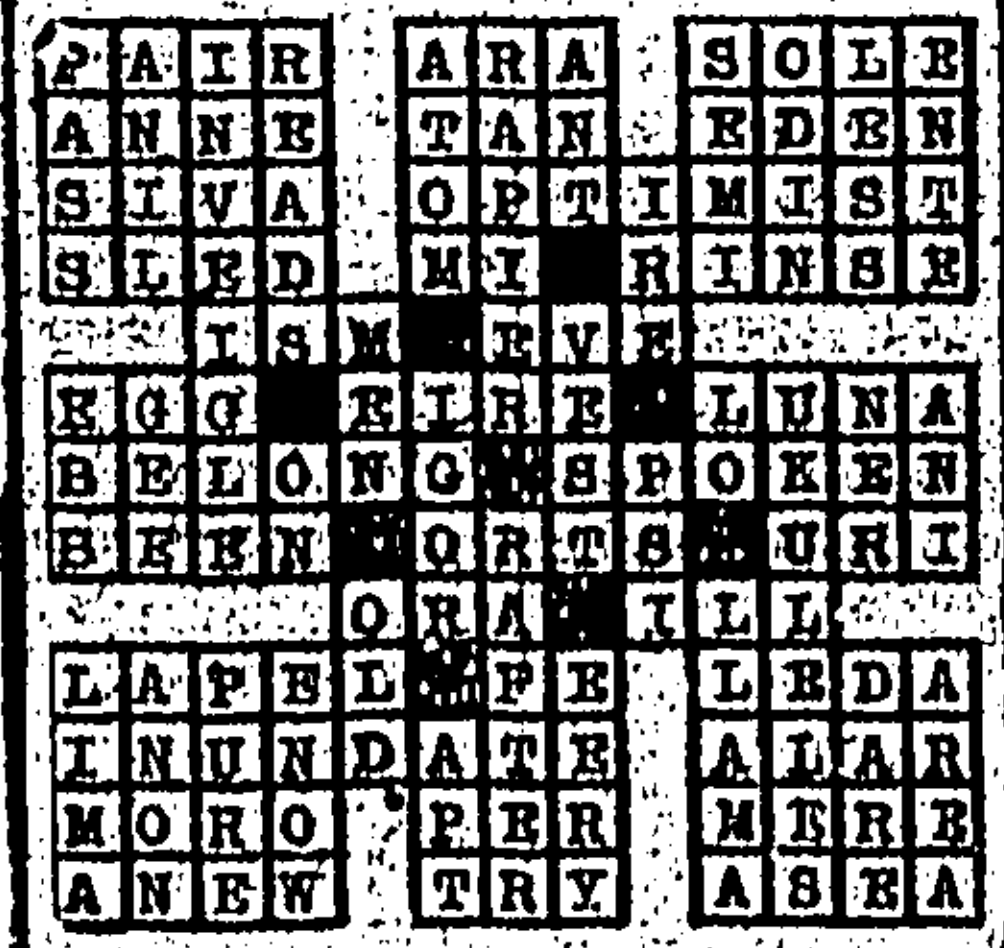
VERTICAL

- 1 Rodent
- 2 Room in a harem
- 3 Large vulture
- 4 Ancient alloy
- 5 Butting animal
- 6 Latin conjunction

7 Back of the neck

- 8 About
- 9 Creator
- 10 Part of "to be"
- 11 Russian commune
- 16 Colloquial: father
- 18 To make fun of
- 20 Reveals unintentionally
- 21 To make amends
- 22 Peels
- 23 To worry
- 25 Embankment
- 26 French river
- 28 Interjection
- 29 Father
- 32 To guide
- 34 Note of scale
- 36 To take for granted
- 38 Treatises
- 40 Challenges
- 42 Weight
- 44 Hindu peasant
- 45 To languish
- 46 Monk
- 47 Brim
- 48 Mineral
- 49 Large deer
- 50 To place
- 53 Hence

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



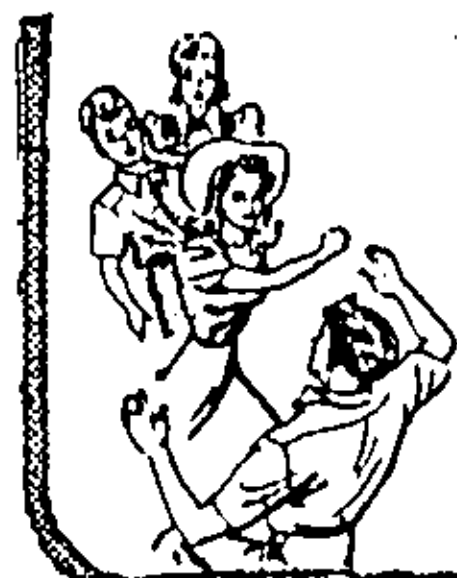
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NEW STORY OF THE BISMARCK

NAZI SURVIVOR SAYS 'TO HELL WITH HITLER'

(By Kenneth Hord And Archer Brooks)

BISMARCK, GERMANY'S "UNSINKABLE" PRIDE, SPLIT IN TWO, FLAMING LIKE A TORCH FROM STEM TO STERN, HEELED OVER AND SANK WITH THE FLAG OF NAZI GERMANY TRAILING IN THE WATER FROM HER BROKEN MAST.

Her end came less than ten minutes after the first of H.M.S. Dorsetshire's three torpedoes struck the battle-scarred warship abaft the bridge.

As she plunged under the gale-whipped waves, the 500 survivors of her crew were flung into the sea. The ship which had sent the Bismarck to her doom rushed in to snatch them from death.

Many were saved. But rescue work had to be stopped when the ship received warning that submarines might be near and she must get under way. The story was told us when a British warship arrived in a British port.

Men on this ship said the Dorsetshire sighted the Bismarck at 9.2 a.m., when the two vessels were about ten miles apart. The Bismarck opened the engagement with a slight salvo from her 15in. guns. The shells passed overhead and the Dorsetshire replied with twenty salvos from her 8in. guns. The scrap was on.

Her Brain Smashed

The Rodney was blazing away at the enemy warship from another quarter, and soon the Bismarck was on fire forward.

One salvo from the Dorsetshire carried away the Bismarck's control tower.

Her brain had been smashed. It took the German almost ten minutes to change to local fire control.

In the full the Dorsetshire raced in, pounding away full blast with her 8-inch guns. She fired 284 rounds altogether.

Then two torpedoes shot away from the Dorsetshire. When they struck, the German ship heeled to port.

Her British opponent slipped around to attack her from the other side. One torpedo was enough. Almost before it struck her funnels were awash. As it landed in her hull the mighty ship was shattered.

"To Lofly"

She split in two. The British seamen on the attacking ships could see daylight through the gaping hole amidships.

Then, as one of the two halves heeled over the rest of her crew scrambled for foothold on her slippery hull.

Two minutes later, with fountains blown up by spurts of escaping air, she sank. The "unsinkable" was gone.

Helping in rescue work was Lofly Hughes, officers' cook. Hughes showed us an encyclopaedia a survivor had autographed for him, with his name and the inscription: "To Lofly."

"I fitted him out with some of my gear, and this was the only way he could think of to repay me."

When the survivor was brought on deck he seemed a broken man. "The war is lost now" was his despairing comment. But after food and a hot bath he became quite talkative.

So high were the waves that the captain's binoculars were unusable within two minutes, and the midshipman of the watch and the captain's messenger were kept hard at work cleaning spare pairs for him.

Surprise For Huns

All the German prisoners were astounded at the speed of the British warships' fire.

One man cried as a British seaman approached him with a rope to fling overboard. He thought he was going to be flogged.

The greatest surprise the Germans got was the hot meal of beef and vegetables, suet dumplings and whisky-stiffened tea they were given while their clothes

were being dried. For four days and nights while the British were hunting them they had scarcely any sleep and lived chiefly on coffee and black bread.

One British ship picked up eighty officers and men. Nearly half were badly bruised through being thrown against the Bismarck's steel walls when the British shells hit her.

U-Boat Peril

One had a fractured arm dangling. It was amputated and blood transfusions given.

But the man had lost too much blood. He died. Covered with the German Imperial ensign—there was no Nazi flag on board—he was buried at sea.

The firing party discharged a volley, his comrades brought their arms up in a Nazi salute.

Of 500 Germans seen struggling in the water not more than 280 were rescued.

"We might have saved another 200," said Chief Petty Officer L. R. Cocker, of Tavi-stock. "If we had had time to stop. It was terrible to see the poor devils floundering about, but what could we do?"

"We had to choose between stopping to rescue them and letting one of their submarines send us to the bottom. We chose to save ourselves and I don't think anyone will blame us. We threw rafts overboard."

"The prisoners we got were nearly all punch-drunk with gunfire. They had had a terrible pasting for several hours and did not know whether they were coming or going."

"What will the Fuehrer think of us now?" one officer was heard to ask.

"To hell with what he thinks," said another. "We're safe; that's all that matters."

Had 500 Cadets

A British officer said many of the prisoners had joined the German Navy only last year. On board the Bismarck were 500 cadets.

Prisoners said the Hood—which blew up two minutes after being struck—several times hit the Bismarck with salvos of her shells.

"We sank her with our fourth salvo," one declared.

One gunner said: "The old man's just been itching to have a smack at the Hun. We were on convoy duty when word came to go after the Bismarck."

When the ship had tied up the captain mustered her company and congratulated them on their bearing in action.

Twenty-four Bismarck survivors were landed. Two were wounded. One British rating was also brought ashore—the only British casualty landed.

FATAL SOUVENIR

A German pistol, souvenir of the last war, is believed to have caused the death of Hugh Baxter (18), of Pine-grove, Monton, Lancs. Baxter was in his garden with a 10-year-old companion when a shot was heard. He was wounded in the chest and died shortly afterwards. The pistol is believed to be one loaned to an Eccles War Weapons Week exhibition.

O.B.E. FOR LT. COL. R. D. WALKER

A telegram has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to say that His Majesty has approved the award of O.B.E. (Military) to Lieut. Col. R. D. Walker, M.C. This award was published in England on July 1, 1941.

DRIVER, DYING, SAVED HIS TRAIN

Mortally wounded when Nazi raiders swooped down and machine-gunned a passenger train between two towns in the South of England the driver, Percy Goldsack, stopped his train, and with the assistance of his fireman, Mr. W. Stickells, also wounded on the footplate beside him, backed to the safety of a nearby station.

Driver Goldsack died shortly afterwards in hospital, to which he was taken with Stickells and a passenger named Loudon.

After their attack on the train the raiders swooped south-eastwards out to sea with Spitfires in hot pursuit. All the planes were last seen flying low over the water as they disappeared from sight.

Both Mr. Stickells and Mr. Loudon, who were shot in the foot, are progressing satisfactorily.

CHINESE CREDITS FROZEN

AN ORDER FREEZING THE ASSETS IN HONG KONG OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA—AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT—WAS PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Issued after the closing of bank business, the Order follows lines similar to that against Japan and Japanese dependencies, except that it becomes effective as from July 30, and permission is given to bankers and others to make and accept any payment in this Colony to or from persons in this Colony.

SOLDIER, SAILOR

After four years in the U.S. Navy, Joseph Archer, of Butte, Montana, was discharged. He returned home—and found that he had been called up for service in the Army.

CHINA MAIL

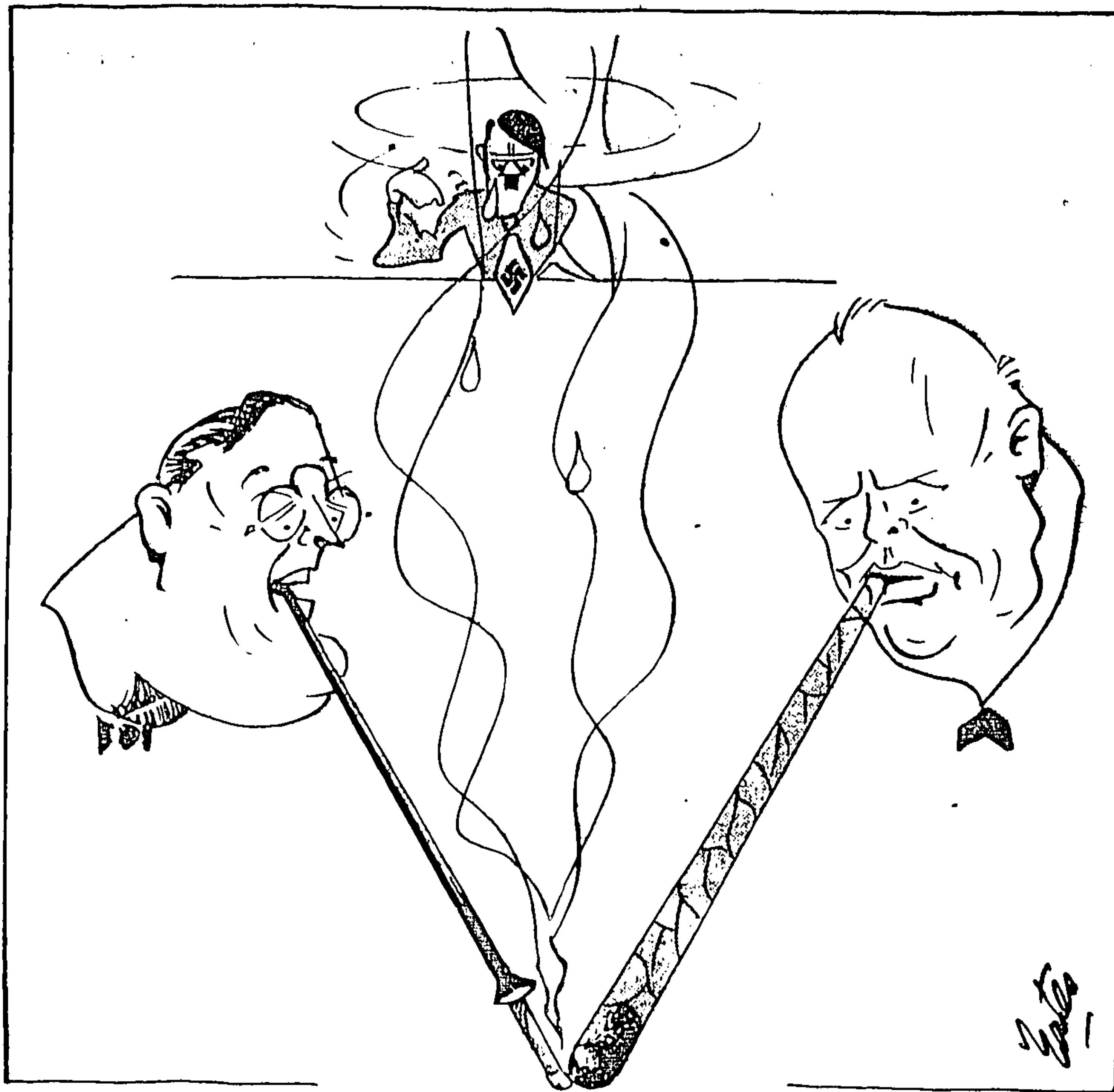
WINDSOR HOUSE

BEHIND THE FRONTS

The first wave of the Nazi attack on Russia is spent, and as the second phase develops in a fog of heavy silence on the German side it is perceived that there are three main fronts in this sinuous struggle, unfolding like a colossal cobra from Murmansk to Kishinev. The first is only an imaginary line traced between three or four widely separated points, which the blitzkrieg barely touched as it broke against the outer defences of the Stalin Line. Apparently the Russians have held these forward thrusts and made counter-thrusts of their own, resorting to stratagems and tricks, the injured Germans complain, to draw the innocent invaders on and stab them in the back.

Behind these thin spearheads, in a vast field including a segment of Russia proper and all the territory the Soviets acquired in the deal with Hitler, great battles are still being fought. Here, in the "rear" that is the most active front, Russians and Germans say they have trapped hundreds of thousands of troops. This second front is of many sectors, of armies pushing forward and sagging back in a grand confusion of perpetual and often unrelated movements. In all these far-flung engagements, incalculably costly on both sides, there is as yet no clear decision, but the Germans do not conceal their disquiet at the unexpected strength of the Red Army's resistance and the quantity and quality of its equipment. Hitler made a desperate gamble on the crack-up of Soviet power. He seems to have failed to evaluate a force older than communism, more instinctive than the cult of Stalin—the attachment of the peasant masses to "Mother Russia," the incoherent but cohesive force of Russian patriotism?

A third front lies behind both lines. Stalin mentioned it when he made a reference in his broadcast to "diversionists in the rear." Hitler recognised it for the first time in his war proclamation when he accused the Communists of working to undermine the Third Reich from within, and reports from Germany relayed through Stockholm tell of widespread arrests of suspected Communists extending to the Nazi



JOINING UP FOR VICTORY.

Why Britain Cannot Be Defeated

Whether a civilian wants his country involved in a war or not does not necessarily afford clear indication of how he will conduct himself, being in it.

To the soldier, of course, war may come as a welcome relief to the monotonous exercises of peace time, so that he girds himself for the task with a certain grim satisfaction. He may not believe in the value of war very much, but on the other hand, he is a member of a profession that regards the subject as a science and he knows that the many theories he has studied will have to be tested sooner or later. Therefore, he has little doubt that he will give a good account of himself as he fights a soldier and a patriot.

But with the civilian it is different. When war breaks out, he knows he is bound to see much that he has striven for in the way of improvement, both in production methods and the social condition of the workers swept ruthlessly away. Increasing costs are going to bring about a lower standard of living, transportation and other facilities will be greatly restricted, the younger and more promising members of the staff will be called up for military service, and profit will be taxed almost to vanishing point. He will not have the satisfaction of wearing a military uniform and no one will acclaim him as the saviour of his country.

That is how the civilian's outlook may normally be summed up, but to-day it is different.

To-day in England the civilian finds himself in the line with the soldier, and shocked though he may be at what he would normally consider an outrage, he nevertheless feels that in this "total war" his status as a patriotic citizen has taken on a much more imposing aspect than in the past. He no longer plays the part of the timid and shrinking noncombatant, but accepts the new call that is being made upon him without hesitation, and even with a certain amount of pride. He sees the menace to the free institutions and to all the traditions and customs and societies for which he has striven and he realises that he can and must play his part in their defence.

His value to his country lies not in any latent military zeal that he may possess because of

his lack of training; but that he should prove his ability to carry on with his own job and maintain his equilibrium in circumstances of more than ordinary difficulty is of the utmost importance. The civilian in Britain to-day is well aware of all this. His knows that in times of peace the wheels of industry are highly lubricated, and everything conceivable is done to facilitate and expedite the normal processes of trade involved in the production and interchange of commodities; but that in time of war innumerable obstacles begin to appear and the resulting friction may cause the wheels to rotate very stiffly, if

By
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not to stop altogether. Transportation, too, is of vital importance to the whole community and nothing which is not absolutely necessary to the well-being of the nation as a whole should be allowed to slow down the wheels.

This applies also to cultural activities such as music, art, drama and literature which give employment to a great many, and which to some people are as necessary as the air they breathe. All these things are the veritable life blood of the nation and while the heart of the nation may, in time of war, be the principal concern of the Army, the circulation of the blood and the free exercise of its normal function is very much the concern of the civilian. It is, therefore, a matter of great interest and importance to observe the conduct of the civilian and to see how he is shouldering these opportunities of maintaining the national services under the severe strain of total war.

Cause A Vital One

"All our crowds have been proud of being under fire of the enemy," said the Prime Minister of Great Britain in a recent broadcast, "old men, little children, the crippled, the veterans of former wars, aged women, and the ordinary hard-pressed citizen or subject of the King, as he likes to call himself, the sturdy workman who swings hammer or loads a ship, the skillful craftsmen, the members of every kind of A.R.P. service, are proud to feel that they stand in the line together with our fighting men when one of the greatest causes is being

fought out—and fought out it will be, to the end."

We naturally inquire then why are all these civilian types and many more besides "proud" of being brought into the arena of warfare, from which normally they would shrink.

Partly no doubt it arises from an almost religious conviction that the cause for which their country contends is one in which every citizen has a vital stake. The British Empire, they feel, is not the arbitrary dictate of a single individual. It has grown, or evolved itself out of the common sense and the good nature of the English people, who have always preferred committees to dictators, elections to street fighting, and well-regulated debate to revolutionary tribunals.

They know that they could never accept the alternatives which defeat would impose upon them, and therefore given the leadership which the circumstances demand, they have as Mr. Churchill says, shown a certain pride in the measure of the self-surrender that they have been called upon to make for their country's sake. Doubtless the same phenomenon would appear in all countries where democratic institutions have come to be regarded as the only true way of life.

Christian Model Accepted

It may be true to say that the British people are not religious in the ordinary accepted sense, but it certainly is true that there never has been an age in which more people were struggling with varying success, to live up to the highest ideals that are in them, and to try and better the conditions of the people among whom they live.

Many of these people hardly think of themselves as Christian, and yet they have accepted the Christian character as their model, because in the long run it is the only model that defines and sustains to the full the democratic ideal of life.

How then are the British people in all the different walks of life, reacting to the stress and strain of total warfare brought right up to their very hearthstones?

An unexpectedly fitting answer may be found in the words of a cockney charwoman who when asked if the people in her neighbourhood, which had been severely bombed, had been upset by it, replied, "Oh, no, they took it all in good part." But of course the Englishman does not like being bombed, who would? He just feels that his material well-being must now be subordinated to higher considerations—and he tries to make the best of it.

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RUSSIAN WAR ANALYSED BY EXPERT

(By Col. Casado, Spanish Military Commentator)
A FEW WEEKS AGO TWO OF THE MOST POWERFUL ARMIES IN THE WORLD FACED ONE ANOTHER IN A VIOLENT STRUGGLE: THE GERMAN PREPARED FOR AN EXTENDED AND DEEP OFFENSIVE, THE RUSSIAN ORGANISED AND INSTRUCTED FOR FLEXIBLE AND AGGRESSIVE DEFENCE.

This substantial difference in their theories imposed a distinct strategic and tactical procedure which gave the struggle a singular and disconcerting appearance.

The first phase of the war on the German-Russia front has finished. An impartial and objective analysis of military facts now apparent permits us to draw lessons and to form a few conclusions therefrom.

The form in which operations have developed allows one to understand the methods of tactical action by both armies.

The German High Command tries by all methods to encircle its adversary with the object of grinding him between the powerful claws of its military machine. This method of action, which complies with the theory of the German, tallies with the necessity of destroying the Russian army rapidly. Conquest of ground, including vital objectives, has a secondary value for the German army, and it is not venturesome to think that deep advances constitute one of its greatest anxieties.

Dynamic Defence

The Russian High Command—to judge by facts—adjusts its action to the development of an aggressive and dynamic defence in which the principal role is played by partial and combined counter-attacks: massive and persistent action by the air force on the enemy's aerodromes and mechanised columns; and the extension of extensive plans of destruction and sabotage, brought about by organised skirmishers (guerillas) in the rear of the German army.

That is to say that the directive of tactical and strategic action by the Russian Command may be defined thus: To produce the greatest waste by the enemy on the ground, and preserve at all costs the capacity to resist, even when it has become necessary to yield large expanses of territory.

Results Studied

In order to appreciate the greatest or less efficacy of both methods of action, let us analyse the results of operations hitherto carried out: It is evident that the German Command has profited by the effects of strategic surprise; but it is no less certain that this benefit has been remarkably nullified by the tactical action of the Russian army—an action which surprised the opposing command.

The main offensive action (which culminated in the double battle of Minsk and Bialystok), in spite of surprise clashed against a well-articulated defence, strongly reinforced and cleverly led, a defence which fulfilled its specific mission since it inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and gained the time necessary for the main bodies of its army to adopt and command positions.

Secondary offensive actions (Finland and Bessarabia), in spite of repeated attacks, were paralysed before tenacious resistance.

Soviet Position Better

Analysis of the result of the struggle induces us to formulate the following conclusions:

1. Notwithstanding the considerable volume of forces and materials used, and the great losses suffered by both belligerent forces in the struggle, this first phase must be considered solely as "large scale covering operations."

2. The German advance, 150 miles in the first week, 100 in the second week, and 53 in the third

week, indicates an emphatic limit of its capacity for penetration, brought about solely by the fighting capacity of the Russian army, whose comportment has brought out in high relief the worth and spirit of its troops, the volume and quality of materials and, above all, the efficiency of its tactics against lightning war (Blitzkrieg).

3. The German High Command has said that the first phase was completed in order to adopt attacking dispositions for the great battle and to standardise the flow of supplies which must be very unsettled as the consequence of devastation and sabotage by the enemy in the rearguard zone of its army.

4. The Russian army in the second phase will be on very much more favourable terms, on ground strongly organised in depth and supplied by shorter and stronger lines of communications. On the other hand, the German army will commence action on more unfavourable terms, since it will have to work on the basis of huge losses in the defence of positions and its own supply line will be longer and weaker.—Reuter.

HORSE CURE FOR CROSSED EYES

Harry Brown, of Broadus, Montana, has found a cure for people with crossed eyes, but he doesn't recommend it.

Cross-eyed for 35 years, Brown was kicked in the face by a horse.

His nose was broken, but some time later, says the B.U.P., his eyes straightened.

"PILOT X" TALKS TO MINERS

"Pilot X," captain of the Catalina flying-boat which spotted the Bismarck, talked about his exploit to 1,500 miners at a pit-head at South Kirby, Yorkshire.

The pilot visited the pit as the result of a message of congratulations on sinking the Bismarck sent by the miners to the Admiralty. He told the "Daily Mirror" that he himself was brought up in a mining district of Northumberland.

He also visited the pits at Hemsworth and Action Hall, belonging to the same company.

THEY WANT TO FIGHT

Many demobilised French soldiers have succeeded in escaping from France and have reached the French colonies with the object of joining General de Gaulle's Free French force, according to reports received by Swiss newspapers.

BATTERED SHEFFIELD PLANS NEW CITY

(By Campbell Dixon)

Two savage, concentrated attacks have left the city of Sheffield with two large shopping areas burned out and a great number of suburban houses flat or damaged. They have also left the people of Sheffield angry, as resolute as any I have met, and resilient enough to be planning for the future.

"I have never seen a finer exhibition of self-sacrificing work by ordinary citizens and paid A.R.P. workers," said Mr. E. B. Gibson, the A.R.P. Controller; and nowhere are there more stories of devotion to duty.

There is courage, too, in the vision of things to come. Mr. W. G. Robinson, of the Town Planning Committee, wants "decency and regeneration," with zones for heavy and light industry and housing.

Mr. B. A. Moss, the Chesterfield Surveyor, plays the candid friend in demanding "a new Sheffield which will make its citizens proud instead of ashamed."

Blind Men Tackled Fire

Some of the raid stories were heroic. I heard of a policeman working five hours among blazing ruins, and women ambulance drivers making journey after journey through bombed and burning streets. Three blind men put out a fire with a stirrup pump, and learned later that they had used "whitewash" instead of water.

Other incidents were touching as well. A woman who might have filled her arms with possessions carried instead four shivering budgeters. There

was Yorkshire humour, too, perhaps a trifle grim. "No need to wait for the manager to come and open the door," said one of a dozen shopgirls looking at a smoking skeleton.

Official Kindness

It is pleasant to be able to record an instance of official benevolence of a rather unusual kind. A working girl who was to have been married lost her trousseau. Distracted, she appealed to the Council of Social Service, and she was given not only a new outfit but a wedding breakfast as well.

Commercially, Sheffield's losses have been heavy; historically, it had little to lose. The city's oldest inn, the King's Head, has been destroyed. So has the Angel (1680), from which Sheffield's first mail coach set up on its curious six-day journey to London. The two chief blitzes offered a stern test of character and of organisation. Sheffield came through the character test with first-class honours. Critics say the organisation just about deserves a pass. There have been complaints of chaos in the bus and tram services and delays in repairs caused by contractors putting their men on to non-essential private work.

A.R.P. WORKERS ATTACK BID TO CUT SERVICES

RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE been made to the Government to cut down full-time paid Civil Defence services and substitute more volunteers — and within a few hours protests were pouring in against such a policy. It would lead, said the critics, to inefficiency and danger.

The Select Committee on National Expenditure, which made the recommendations, suggested a virtual reorganisation of A.R.P.

For Girl War Workers

A NATTY LINE IN BOILER SUITS

"Combines utility and safety with smartness and style." Sounds like an echo of a pre-war fashion commentary.

It is a fashion, but hailing from Glasgow instead of Paris—a really natty design of a boiler suit for women engineers, neat, up-to-the-neck turn-down collar, grey with cerise piping and pockets. Such pockets, clever, capacious and ample, that women have been sighing for for years and dressmakers and tailors have denied them.

The comment quoted above was made by an official of the Royal Technical College at Glasgow, whose engineering trainees designed the suit.

Safe And Smart

"Best and smartest thing of its kind I have ever seen," was the verdict of Miss Caroline Haslett, recommending that the new suit be adopted in place of the present overall. So pleased was Miss Haslett with the Glasgow boiler suit that she immediately forwarded a specimen to the Ministry in London.

Some alterations have been suggested by her—a shade of darkish blue instead of grey, and an alteration in the shape of the cap so that it entirely covers the wearer's hair, and affords protection from moving machinery.

But these alterations will not be allowed to detract from the snappiness of the outfit.

"The suit is safer than overalls and provides more protection for clothing against dirt and grease," said a College official. "The style of the suit is excellently adapted for mass-production purposes."

MANNEQUINS STIR ANDES

Fifteen British mannequins who are now on their way back to England after touring South America have given a big fillip in the cotton and rayon trade in South America.

Textile circles report that as a result of the tour inquiries about British cottons and rayons have increased 20 per cent.

One firm reports that dressmakers and costumiers in the distant Mendoza foothills, the Andes and Dorodoba have asked for tweeds similar to those worn by the mannequins.

Thousands of people were unable to gain admission to the displays.

The propaganda value of the visit in showing that Britain delivers the goods has been second only to the trade value.

BALLOON BLAZE

A blazing barrage balloon fell into a London street recently. Shoppers extinguished the flames with sandbags. A second piece of the balloon, also alight, fell on to a chimney. This was put out by means of a stirrup pump.

Consisting of thirty-two M.P.s of all parties, the committee has as chairman Sir John Wardlaw-Milne (Con., Kidderminster), a member of the Imperial Economic Committee from 1926 to 1929, and author of two books on money—"The A B C of L S D," and "The G.H.G. of L S D."

The suggestion that full-time wardens should be "axed" was condemned by the A.R.P. section of the Transport Workers' Union. "It would be a terrible blow to wardens who have given such splendid services," said Mr. W. D. Goss a union official. "Already part-time wardens have their hands full."

Discipline Fire Parties

Wandsworth's A.R.P. controller told the "Daily Mirror": "If you were to rely wholly on part-time wardens in a target area like this you would never get the job done."

Commenting on the committee's proposal that hours of all firemen should be increased to the London standard, Mr. John Horner, secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, said:—

"London firemen work an average of 112 hours a week. This is far too long. In blitz period it causes a high sickness rate. In the rest of the country hours vary and some are longer than London's."

"When full-time strength is increased by 20 per cent. it should allow for a change to the two-shift system of twenty-four hours on duty and twenty-four hours off, or twelve hours on and twelve off."

Here are the committee's chief recommendations:—

Whole-time personnel should be recruited only when it has been found impossible to get part-time personnel either as volunteers or by compulsion.

Supplementary fire parties should be given the same status as other services, receive as thorough a training, and be subject to discipline.

Useless Shelters

First-aid parties, ambulances and paid drivers should be reduced.

First-aid posts should be reduced in number and, if possible, associated with a hospital.

Whole-time nurses at first-aid posts should serve at hospitals in the neighbourhood when not on active duty at posts.

A number of surface shelters have been found useless because of faulty construction.

The committee "deplore the ambiguity of the instructions given by the Ministry of Home Security and their dilatoriness in taking action."

KILLED HIMSELF IN RAID

A night porter at a West End hotel, helping in rescue work during a night air raid, found a resident, Henry Thomas Saville (81), lying dead on the floor of his bedroom.

A bloodstained penknife was clenched in his hand, and he had a throat wound. A bottle of potassium cyanide and a tumbler containing drags were found in the room.

Saville left a letter addressed to a nephew, notifying him of his death.

A verdict of "suicide while of unsound mind" was returned at the Westminster inquest.

PACIFISTS IN U.S. MUST "GO TO IT"

This is what happens to conscientious objectors in the United States who are sent to work instead of military camps, says a B.U.P. report.

They work whatever hours are set by the camp directors and are subject to call day and night for emergencies.

'THREW GIRL OVER BRIDGE' CHARGE

Herbert Uno, Theodor Olsson, a young Swedish seaman, was alleged at Aberdeen to have murdered Katharine Graham on a bridge at Aberdeen "by forcing her or throwing her over the parapet of the bridge, a distance of 30 feet."

Olsson, who through an interpreter pleaded "Not guilty," was sent for trial to the High Court of Justiciary, Aberdeen.

GONE ARE THE HORSE AND CARRIAGE



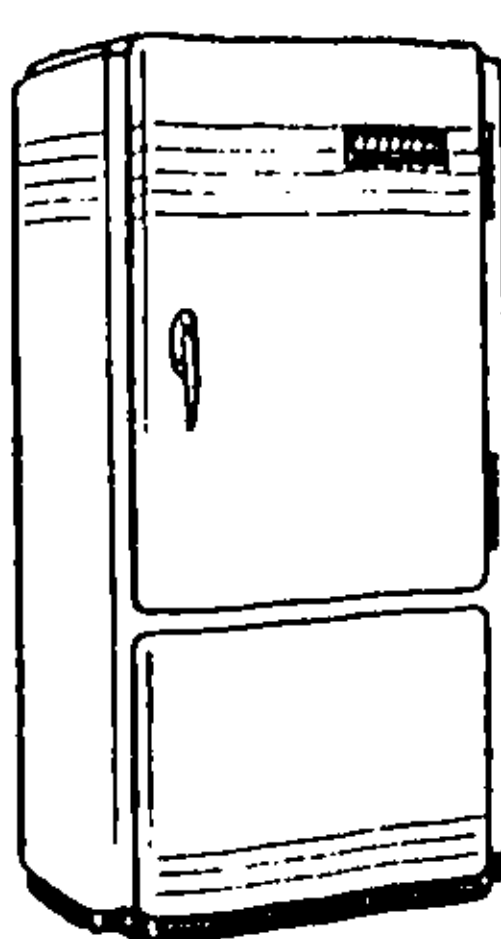
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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	2857	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2857	Between Wing Street and Cheung Sha Wan Street	ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 21,000 \$290 \$12,600

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BRIDGE NOTES

TOO MUCH BIDDING

By The Four Aces

"Is it ever right to bid a Grand Slam when a finesse is needed to make it? We did that," a Chicago reader sorrowfully writes, "and the finesse didn't work. Please tell us whether that was just hard luck or whether our bidding was unsound."

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North-South vulnerable

NORTH
 ♠ K 10 9 7 2
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ A J 10 6 2
 ♣ 7

WEST EAST
 ♠ 4 6 3
 ♥ K Q J 7 3 10 9 5 2
 ♦ 9 5 K 8 7 3
 ♣ 10 9 8 5 2 6 4 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A Q J 8 5
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ Q 4
 ♣ A K Q J

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♠ 2♥ 3♥ Pass
 4♥ Pass 6♥ Pass
 7♥ Pass Pass Pass

It is not right to bid a Grand Slam when you know a finesse will be needed to make the contract. An unsuccessful Grand Slam loses not only the few points scored by the opponents, but also the score you could have made for a successful Small Slam. The gain for the Grand Slam is set; so you need much better than the even chance offered by a finesse.

It's true, nevertheless, that experts will occasionally bid a Grand Slam in which a finesse is needed. But the finesse could not be predicted during the bidding. The expert's reasoning was: "This contract ought to be an absolute lay-down; and only at worst will I need a finesse." Such a Grand Slam is not at all unreasonable.

As to the hand in question, we think that North did too much bidding. His bid of three hearts over West's overall was a Slam try in itself. Having announced that he was interested in a Slam, North could then relax and leave the rest to South. Over four clubs, North should have bid only four spades — or, at most, five spades. Then South would have bid six spades and all would have been satisfactory. But when North showed control of hearts, exceptional spade support, plus a willingness to play for twelve tricks even if South had only a fair opening bid which included the club Ace—when North showed this optimism South was justified in thinking that a Grand Slam was an absolute lay-down.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held.

♠ 7 3 2
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ A Q J 7 6
 ♣ K 8 3

The bidding:
 Schenken Jacoby You Mator
 1♠ Pass (7)

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. You have a fairly strong hand and can well afford this exploratory response.

Score 100% for two diamonds, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 782

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken Jacoby You Mator
 1♠ Pass 2♦ Pass
 2♥ Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CANADA'S BIG 'PLANE CONTRACT ON TIME

ON AUGUST 1, NEXT, a substantial contract for Hawker Hurricane fighting 'planes, which was placed in Canada a few months ago, will be completed on schedule, according to the current rate of production. This represents the output of one key plant, with a coordinated subcontract arrangement, states the "Wall Street Journal."

For an industry which has been literally built from the ground up in a period of two or three years this, coupled with the growing output of training fighters and bombers in other plants, is a reasonable index of the progress to be made in 1941.

It means in this case that Canadian effort will add more than 50 squadrons of Hurricane fighters this year to a fleet which has been in the fore-front of Britain's defence.

Since the outbreak of war more than 1,300 military aircraft have been produced in Canada in a dozen plants, the locations of which extend from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. The present rate of production is approximately 40 'planes per week. Aircraft being manufactured include bombers, fighters and trainers, powered with engines imported from the United States and England.

What Constitutes The Industry

Canada's aircraft industry today comprises largely of firms ordinarily engaged in the manufacture of rail equipment and in steel fabrication, plus the producers of commercial machines in normal times. A branch of an important United States airplane builders, an assembly concern set up by six Canadian 'plane manufacturers, and a Government-owned company now round out the industry.

New construction and the adaptation of existing plants have provided additional facilities which currently are being further extended. Training schools operated both by individual manufacturers and by the government are providing reserves of skilled labour.

The needs for greater standardization, a speed-up in the supply of materials and component parts, and increased efficiency by employers remain the main problems of the industry.

Before the year-end the largest expansion programme for the manufacture of aluminum and its finished products undertaken in the British Empire in any like period will be contributing an increasing supply to Canada's already large output of materials vital to aircraft production.

Shipbuilding Activities

Canadian shipbuilding and drafting rooms are beginning to hum, and they are likely to continue for some time turning out mosquito boats, corvettes, minesweepers and other craft to supplement Canadian naval services. Since the outbreak of war, an addition has been made of more than 187 naval craft of all descriptions from destroyer's down-wards.

The Canadian shipbuilding industry is embarked upon a programme of ship construction which involves an expenditure of \$300 million. Additional orders are in prospect sufficient to boost the overall cost to \$420 million. Realisation of the increased schedule would ensure capacity operations by all Canadian shipyards through 1944.

The industry is expanding rapidly, and has now completed more than half of a programme

representing an outlay of \$120 million. Facilities are being enlarged to permit an immediate start on the building of a fleet of standardised cargo ships to cost \$180 million. Plans are under way for the extension of this merchant vessel programme to around \$300 million.

The \$120 million naval schedule comprises the construction of some 266 ships and over 400 small craft. Of the former, 92 have been delivered or launched and by the end of this month 60 more will be in the water. The output of small boats is close to 50 per cent. completed.

The changing course of the war has shifted emphasis upon the need for merchant vessels, and the Canadian cargo shipbuilding programme involves the production at a dozen yards of 100 standardised cargo boats at a cost of around \$1,800,000 each. It is expected that 20 of these vessels will be completed and in service by the end of the present calendar year, with the balance to become available during 1942 and early 1943.

The number of workers employed in seventeen major and 45 smaller yards now totals over 20,000 compared with 1500 at the beginning of the war 20 months ago.

With a single exception, the cost of expanding shipbuilding capacity is being included in the construction contract price, and title to the enlarged facilities will remain with the builders. Under the provisions of special legislation, however, depreciation upon such war-time plant enlargement may be written off over a period of three years.

Steel Plants

The steel plants of Nova Scotia and Ontario are operating well beyond rated capacity, with output reaching for new records. In the forging plants production has in many cases advanced 150 per cent. or more, and backlogs are still climbing. The industry is in fact booked up six to twelve months ahead at current production. A system of priorities now assures a supply of forgings to essential war industries.

Textile plants have embarked on heavy schedules, supplying barracks and camps, as well as a multiplicity of clothing fabrics and other military supplies.

Across the Dominion, power plants are loading lines to record electricity peaks, and, in many instances, starting to harness new energy to the war machine which is being built.

Shells, small arms, chemicals and explosives are not products which lend themselves to much publicity. There will be ten such government plants in full operation in 1941.

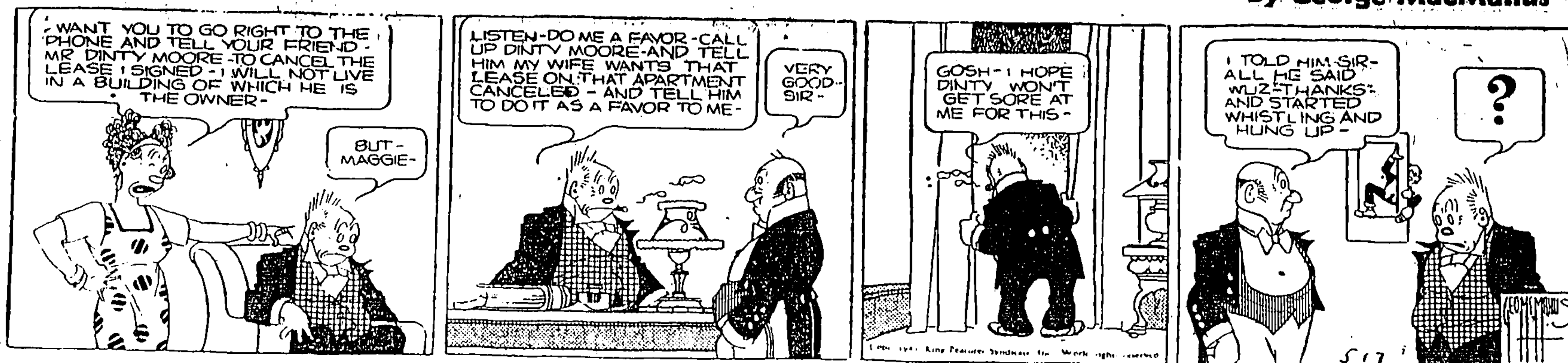
There have been delays, bottlenecks and shortages of skilled labour but they bear a diminishing relation to the national plant. Outputs are showing formidable increases here and the tempo is mounting rapidly.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Air-Light Cosmetics

Cosmetic firms are getting down to a real science in presenting beauty aids which are light as a feather in weight and which can be packed in very limited space.

For face and hand washings for instance (which are frequent during any travel) there is a magical, transparent wafer which dissolves into a soap-like agent when moistened and not only removes all soil, but leaves your skin smooth and soft and faintly scented. Twenty-five of these marvellous cleansers come in one slim disc, and twenty-five discs take up not more space than an ordinary jar of cream. Soap enough for a summer's journey.

Other cleansing aids which women adore are those compressed bath sponges or cloths. They come in small discs which swell into fairly large cloths when thrown into the bath water. Once used they are discarded which eliminates packing the partly dry wash cloth.

Lotions Too, Condensed

Between little foil squares come flannel cleansing cloths already saturated with a very efficient cleansing lotion. Two of these cloths are adequate for giving a dusted face a thorough cleansing before putting on fresh make-up.

Last summer, but late, creams were introduced in capsule form — creams for dry skin, oily skin and normal skin. A puncture



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would release sufficient cream for a thorough treatment.

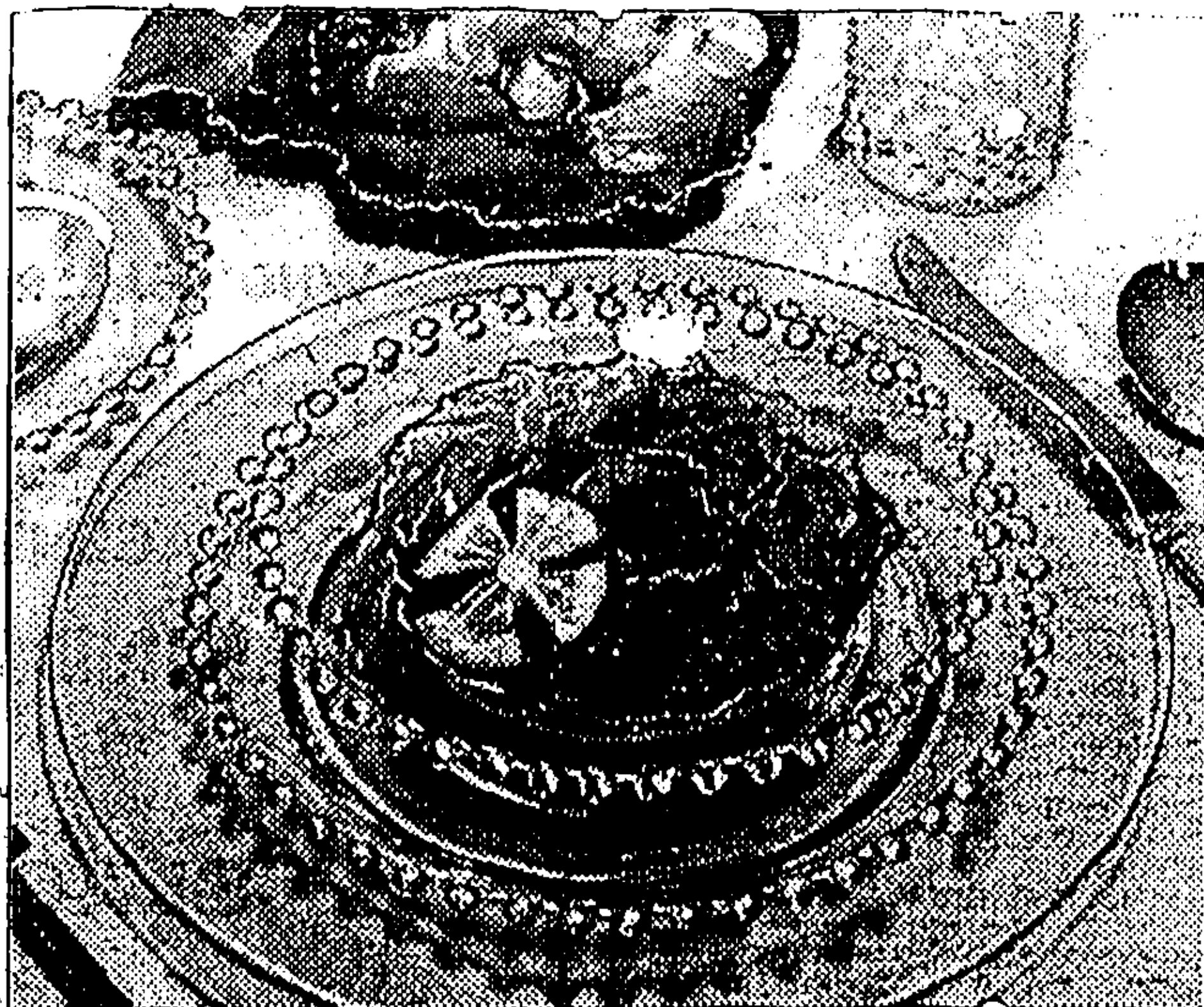
In capsule form too comes a most nourishing and softening preparation made from papaya which is recognised as the era's greatest skin aid. A month's supply is packed in the slimmest of boxes and you are assured skin nourishment and soothing no matter how you battle the elements.

Tissues And Fragrance

Sheerer than a spider's web are some face tissues which come

six packages to the case, and what a delight they are to use. They consume less than half the space of ordinary tissues and give one a lovely sense of luxury when being used.

And if carrying fragrance has stumped you let me suggest one of these tiny atomettes which are easily filled with your favourite perfume and are definitely leak-proof. It takes a pressing of one end against your dress or skin to release the precious liquid and you may carry it in suitcase or handbag with the greatest of assurance.



JELLIED SOUP

By Dorothy Greig

Jellied soups look so cool that the mere sparkling sight of them on the table is refreshing. Their delicately edgy flavour delights, too.

In beginning a meal with jellied soup, plan to have something hot as the following dish because, of course, no meal should consist of all cold food. We need hot food, for good digestion's sake. Besides the contrast of hot food following the jellied soup steps up even further the enjoyment of both.

Nowadays serving jellied soup is no problem. Condensed consomme jells in the can when placed in the refrigerator; so do condensed consomme Madrilene and condensed consomme Prin-tanier. Just whisk open the cans and tumble out the sparkling amber jelly.

But here's a little trick for those occasions when you feel a gala mood on the way. It consists of tomato jelly on the bottom of the cup and jellied consomme on top. The red shimmering through the amber of the consomme gives a truly enchanting two-tone effect.

Put it together this way:

For the Tomato Jelly:
3 cups tomato juice
½ lemon, sliced
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon gelatine (softened in ¼ cup cold water)

Combine tomato juice, sliced lemon, sugar and salt. Bring to boiling point and simmer for 10 minutes. Then strain over the softened gelatine, stir until gelatine is dissolved. Put in refrigerator and chill until stiff.

To serve: Fill chilled consomme cup 1/3 to 1/2 full of tomato jelly, then fill remainder of cup with jellied consomme Madrilene.

Gay Accents for Jellied Soups:

After condensed consomme has been jelled in the can in the refrigerator empty it into a bowl and gently mix through it—
2 tablespoons of finely chopped tomato and 1 teaspoon chopped chives.

Or 1 tablespoon of finely chopped cucumber and 2 tablespoons tomato.
Jellied condensed consomme Madrilene is another soup that

becomes something very special indeed when accented this way. After it has been jelled empty it into a bowl and mix through it—
3 tablespoons of finely chopped fresh tomato.

Or 4 tablespoons of finely chopped avocado.
Or 2 tablespoons of chopped cucumber.

Serve these soups in chilled cups with a wedge of lemon or lime.

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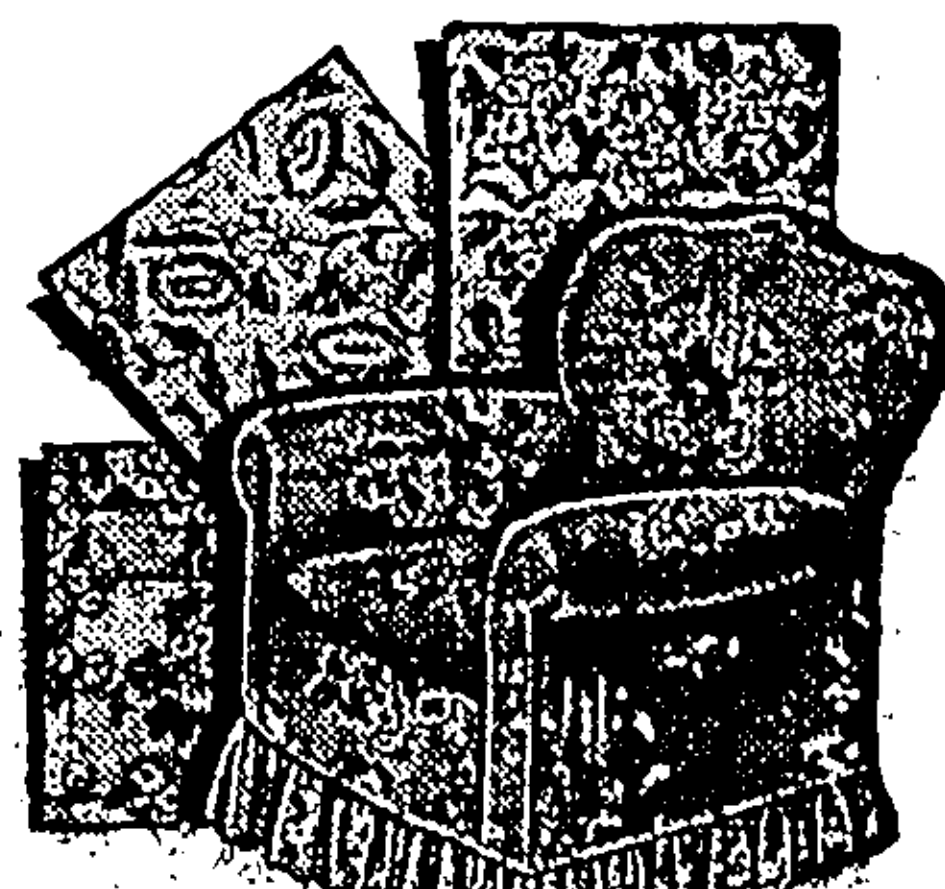
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Vocal—My Fine Feathered Friend: You're A Sweetheart (from the film—McHugh, Adkinson)... Gret Keller with Orchestra.

Vocal—Have You Anything on Tonight, Matilda Darling? (Gilbert)... Billy Cotton & his Band.

Humorous Sketch—A Spot of Fishing (Clapham & Dwyer)... Clapham & Dwyer.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins.

Farewell Blues (Rappioli, Mares & Schuebel)... You Rascal You (Theard)... Muddy Waters (Trent, De Rose & Richman).

Shine (Dubney)—My Sweetie Went Away: Sweet Jenny Lee (Donaldson).

That's A Plenty—Quick-Step (Pollack). Someday Sweetheart—Fox-Trot (Spikes).

1.15 p.m.—Sidney Torch at the Organ. Hot Pipes—Intro: The Toy Trumpet: I'm Gettin' Sentimental Over You: The Snake Chamber.

Where Are You? (from film "Top of the Town"—McHugh).

The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down (Friend & Franklin).

Torch Parade—Intro: I Can't Love You Any More: I'll Never Smile Again, Until I Smile At You: Until You Fall In Love: I Hear Bluebirds: Fools Rush In: We'll Go Smiling Along.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Mozart Programme. Serenade in C Minor (C Moll) K. 388—1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Minuetto in Canone & Trio... Arthur Fiedler's Sinfonietta.

O Loveliness Beyond Compare—"The Magic Flute"... David Lloyd (Tenor) with Sadler's Wells Orch.

Fantasia in C Minor (C Moll) K. 396... Edwin Fischer (Piano).

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Half An Hour of Hill Billy Music.

It Ain't Nobody's Biz'ness What I Do (Browne & Others); Oh Susannah: We'll Rest At The End Of The Trail (Poulton, Rose)... The Rocky Mountaineers.

The Hill Billy Band (Al & Bob Harvey); Susanna From Alabama (Ted & Ezra)... The Hill Billies with Novelty Accomo.

Home On The Range (Mr. & Mrs. William Godwin); The Last Round-Up (Billy Hill)... Hank Keene (Vocal) with Violin, Banjo, Guitar & Piano.

Memories Of An Old Cow Hand (Hill Billies)... The Hill Billies with own Novelty Accomo.

Down The Old Road To Home (Rodgers & C. Harvey); Prairie Lullaby (Hill)... Jimmie Rodgers (Yodler).

7.17 p.m.—Piano Duets by Moreton and Kaye.

Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 29—Intro: I Can't Love You Any More: I Haven't Time To Be A Millionaire: We'll Go Smiling Along: Mist On The River: Fools Rush In: Make Believe Island.

Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 30—Intro: Whose Little What's-It Are You?: Turn Your Money In Your Pocket: I'm Nobody's Baby: I'm Stepping Out With A Memory To-night: When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano: Until You Fall In Love.

7.30 p.m.—"Hits from the Shows". "Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs" (Walt Disney film)... Chorus & Orchestra directed by Jay Wilbur.

"Spring Parade"—Waltzing In The Clouds (Robert & o'hers)... Deanna Durbin with Charles Previn's Orch.

"Andy Hardy Meets A Debutante"—I'm Nobody's Baby—Quick-Step... Oscar Rabin & his Band.

"Down Argentine Way"—Two Dreams Met (Gordon—Warren)... Kenny Baker with Orchestra.

"Irene"—Alice Blue Gown—Waltz (McCarthy—Tierney)... Glenn Miller & his Orchestra.

"The Road to Singapore"—Sweet Potato Piper (Burke—Monaco); "Typhoon"—Palms of Paradise (Loesser—Hollander)... Dorothy Lamour & Orchestra.

"Rhythm On The River"—Only For Ever (Burke—Monaco)... Al Bowly & Jimmy Mesene with two guitars.

8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra.

Jota (De Falla); Spanish Serenade (Glazunov, arr. Kreisler)... Fritz Kreisler with Piano.

Persian Dances (Moussorgsky, arr. Rimsky-Korsakov)... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

Danceing Doll (Poldini—Kreisler)... Fritz Kreisler with Piano.

Triumphal March (from "Caractacus"—Op. 35—Elgar)... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by L. Collingwood.

Liebesleid (Love's Sorrow); Liebesfreud (Love's Joy)... Fritz Kreisler with Piano.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Popular English Songs. Widdicombe Fair (Arr. Jacob); Richard of Tonant's Deane (Arr. Molloy); Stuart Robertson & Male Chorus with Piano.

Jock The Fiddler: The Ballad-Monger: Fairings: Come To The Fair "Songs of the Fair"... Percy Homing (Baritone) with Orchestra.

**WING WALKING PILOT
QUELLS FIRE, SAVES
CRIPPLED R.A.F. BOMBER**

A SMOKING, CRIPPLED WELLINGTON NIGHT BOMBER LANDED AT A ROYAL AIR FORCE AERODROME, SAVED BY A WING-WALKING PILOT WHO FOUGHT FLAMES IN MID-AIR OVER THE TURBULENT NORTH SEA. THE WELLINGTON HAD HEADED HOME AFTER BOMBING MUENSTER, IN GERMANY, WHEN A MESSERSCHMITT 110 ROARED UP FROM BELOW WITH GUNS BLAZING AND RAKED IT FROM WING TIP TO WING TIP, THE CREW RELATED RECENTLY.

Everything seemed to happen. The front gunner was wounded in the foot. The starboard engine was badly damaged. The radio was knocked out. The undercarriage flopped down. The bomb doors swung open. The pilot's cockpit filled with smoke.

A sheet of flame four feet long flared out where a gasoline feed pipe in the wing had been hit by a cannon shell.

Apparently confident that the bomber was nearly finished, the German plane closed in twenty yards. The Wellington's rear gunner fired a 200-round burst and the Messerschmitt went into a spin.

But the Wellington's trouble was just starting. She was over the Netherlands at the IJsselmeer (Zuider Zee) at 13,000 feet. The pilot headed for the nearest British land.

Flames raged in the wing. A crew member knocked a hole in the fuselage and pumped an extinguisher at the fire, but the propeller blast blew the chemical away. Then the crew tossed coffee on the flames, but the fire raged on.

The pilot turned the controls over to the navigator and climbed out on the wing. He kicked a hole in the upper surface to hold on to and tried to beat the fire out.

"Once or twice," he said, "I thought I was going."

Finally he stuffed the cockpit cover into the hole the flames were coming from and it seemed to smother them.

"All the time," he said, "I kept thinking it would be prison camp for us."

Over the North Sea the crew jettisoned the front guns, ammunition and all flares. It took an hour and a half to cross to the English shore.

When the bomber was still ten miles from England the gasoline line flared again, but suddenly died out. The pilot flew on and the radioman repaired the wireless outfit. When the plane reached a strange British aerodrome he sent the message: "We have been badly shot up. I hope we don't mess up your flare path when we land."

The plane landed without flaps or brakes—and without a crash.

**POLISH GIRL
STABS NAZI**

A seventeen-year-old Polish girl has been sentenced to death by a German military tribunal at Lodz for killing a German soldier during the Nazi invasion.

Details of the trial—which appears to have been staged in a deliberate attempt to fan German feeling against the Poles—are given in the "Ostdeutsche Beobachter."

The girl, it is alleged, meeting two German soldiers, killed one of them by stabbing him in the neck with a bayonet while his back was turned.

Over 100 Nazi officials watched the girl as, without flinching, she received the death sentence, says Reuter.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Broadcast to Evacuated Families in Australia.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections. The Clock and the Dresden China Figures (Ketebej)... Ferd. Kauffmann & his Orchestra; The Skaters—Waltz (Gung'l)... Marek Weber & his Orchestra; Sweet (Young)... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—New Dance Music and Variety.

Vocal—Good-morning, Sergeant-Major (Noel, Felosi); Bless Them All (Hughes, Lake)... Lew Stone & his Band.

Vocal—De Campdown Races (Stephen C. Foster); Dolores (from film "Las Vegas Nights"—Alter-Loesser)... Bing Crosby with the Merry Macs & Bob Crosby's Bob Cats.

Swing Fox-Trot—All The Things You Are; Brother Jack... Hatchett's Swingtette.

Vocal—Ain't It A Shame About Mame: I Don't Want To Cry Any More (both from film "Rhythm on the River")... Mary Martin with Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—The Little Man Who Wasn't There; Drummer Boy (from film "Strike Up The Band")... Bob Crosby & his Orchestra.

Vocal—Johnson Rag... The Merry Macs with Orchestra.

Swing Fox-Trot—Twelfth Street Rag... Hatchett's Swingtette.

Vocal—The Swiss Beltinger... Bebe Daniels & Ben Lyon with Orchestra.

Swing Fox-Trot—Beat Me, Daddy, Fight To A Bar... Hatchett's Swingtette.

11.00 p.m.—London—"War Correspondence".

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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HIS LAST GIFT WAS A RING

John Martindale Iago could not get home. He was fighting for his country — a naval lieutenant.

So he wrote to his fiancée, Miss Dorothy Castle, of Belsize Park-gardens, London, suggesting she should buy the engagement ring.

She got the letter on a Friday. She went to the jewellers and chose a ring.

Next day came news of the sinking of H.M.S. Hood. John Iago was an officer aboard her.

On Wednesday the announcement of his engagement to Miss Castle was published.

Order Not Cancelled

Later there was another announcement.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE. Iago, On May 24, 1941, Lieutenant (Electrical) John Martindale Iago, A.C.G.I., B.B.C. (Eng.), R.N.V.R., H.M.S. Hood, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Iago, Gerrans, Crofters Road, Northwood, Middlesex. Age 25.

But John Iago will still give his fiancée the ring he asked her to wear. The order has not been cancelled. And it will not be.

George Sharman, said to be the youngest petty officer in the Navy, was among others lost.

Three survivors have been landed at Reykjavik, Iceland, says Reuter. They are Midshipman Dundas, Signalman Briggs and Seaman R. Tilburn.

£5 MAY BUY A MANSION

Would you like to speculate a fiver? That is the "upset" price placed upon the mansion of Ardepeaton, near Cove, on the shores of Loch Lomond, which will be offered for sale at the end of this month.

There are three reception-rooms, a billiard room, seven principal bedrooms, three dressing-rooms, three bathrooms, servants' hall, four servants' bedrooms, complete domestic offices and entrance lodge, two outer houses and garage and stabling accommodation.

The grounds extend about 12 acres, including lawns, vegetable gardens, orchard, wooded hillside, "etc." There is also a private jetty and boathouse reached by underground passage from the lawns. Among the trifling snags, however, is the fact that the assessed annual rental is £110 and the annual feu duty over £89! It is also possible that the selling price may reach something above the upset price of £5. Still, it's nice to think about!



"Getting a man's interest is easy," says Gold digging Gert, "but making him fork over the capital is something that requires real technique."



HERO WAS AFRAID OF WASN'T BEING HERO

He was brave in battle but afraid of public ceremonies arranged to honour his pluck. His heroism in France had been mentioned in dispatches, but he was too shy to go to Buckingham Palace to receive the Military Medal from the King. He was daring enough to escape from a German prison camp, but couldn't face his old comrades' praise.

Ex-Corporal Norman Miller, 23, of the Seaforth Highlanders, hated the fuss that is the penalty of being a hero so much that he got his own way. The medal, awarded for distinguished services in France, was presented privately.

When he didn't go to the Palace the authorities arranged for his former commanding officer to decorate him on parade. But Norman wrote saying he would prefer the medal to be sent to him.

Even when he agreed to receive it in the Mayor's Par-

lour, his mother had almost to drag him there.

Councillor J. Smith Tibbitts Mayor of Walsall told the "Daily Mirror."

"I did not even know what he won the medal for. He was too shy to talk about it.

"He is married, but his wife could not attend the ceremony and tea party that I arranged for them.

"I believe that after he escaped he dodged the Germans for several months until he got back to his unit."

Norman, who lives in Richmond Street, Walsall, was invalided out of the Army and now works in an aircraft factory.

MAJOR ON MURDER CHARGE

Major William MacKinnon Gray, 38, was at Radstock, near Bath, remanded on a charge of murdering his wife at Chilcompton. He was also charged with attempted suicide.

A man who was injured in a bombed shelter — his wife was with him at the time — damned Hitler and called for a 'plane as he came out of an anaesthetic.

These, according to Dr. Felix Brown, of Guy's Hospital, are some of the things he said:

"I'll get you out, Dolly—I can't use my left arm. . . . Oh, if I had a spade; I can't shift this concrete. . . . I'll get the others out or I'll die.

"I'll Teach Them"

"Damn old Hitler; if only I could get at the swine. Why can't I fit wings on my car? I'll teach them to bomb the girl and the kids. Never mind about me; I can take it. Blimey, if they gave me a 'plane.

Then he described experiences in the last war, when he was sole survivor of a Mesopotamia expedition. Eventually he woke up, delighted to find that his injured arm was normal. He made a good recovery.

His wife was rescued from the shelter.

Dr. Brown tells the story in "The Lancet."

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The China Mail GETS INTO THE HOME

"Earliest with the Latest"

MR. YUEN YAU-SHUN EMBARKS ON NEW SOCCER VENTURE

PUI NGAI RECREATION CLUB, ONE OF THE NEW TEAMS TO THIRD DIVISION FOOTBALL THIS COMING SEASON, WAS FORMED IN FEBRUARY, 1940, WHEN MR. YUEN YAU-SHUN AND A NUMBER OF THE COLONY'S LEADING CHINESE MANUFACTURERS FELT THE NEED OF A CLUB TO CATER TO THE DEMANDS OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF FACTORY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO JOIN OTHER CHINESE CLUBS.

Mr. Yuen, who is trainer and manager of the Pui Ngai football team, has had considerable ex-

perience in this line, having previously been closely associated with South China Athletic Association, Kau Wa Association, Eastern Football Club and then the Kit Chee football team. He was also founder-member of Chinese Athletic Association which, some years ago, was one of the leading First Division football teams in the Colony.

Talking about the tentative composition of the Pui Ngai team, Mr. Yuen said that the chances were that the team would be changed about considerably during the season.

"It is not the object of the club to win trophies. Nothing is further from our minds, though we will be out to do our best. Our real object is to give every playing member a chance to participate in the League, and for that reason, do not think we will do well from the 'matches won' point of view, though we will feel amply rewarded if, at the end of the season, Pui Ngai players can honestly say that they have played the game."

SIGNALS BEATEN AT LAST

Royal Corps of Signals, undefeated in 17 games in the Y.M.C.A. invitation Water-Polo Tournament, lost their 100 per cent. record yesterday when they were beaten by Navy "C" by two clear goals at the Navy pool.

Y.M.C.A., second in the table, failed to take advantage of Signals' lapse as they themselves were surprised by Royal Scots "A" and lost by the odd goal in seven.

These two results have now brought Middlesex "A" back into the running for championship honours.

Following were the results of games played yesterday:

Wilson (2)	2	Signals	0
5th A.A. R.A.	5	Small Units	3
Clarke, Robinson, Giblin, Yabsley and Molyneux		McDonald (2) and Knightley	
Wilson, Benn and May	3	Royal Scots "A"	4
		Slater (2), Byrne and Sutherland	
Middlesex "A"	5	Royal Scots "B"	1
Jennings (2), Bindon (2) and Highland		Bankier	
36th R.A. Goodenough	1	Middlesex "B"	6
		Smith (4), Radley and Peacock	

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Signals	18	17	1	1	97	16	33
Middlesex "A"	17	14	1	2	90	19	30
Y.M.C.A.	17	14	3	0	85	22	23
R. Scots "A"	17	11	5	1	56	24	21
R. Navy "A"	15	10	4	1	55	33	21
R. Navy "C"	17	4	6	2	47	41	20
C. Small Units	17	8	8	1	46	58	17
8th Regt. R.A.	14	5	7	2	39	35	12
Middlesex "B"	16	5	10	1	35	58	11
5th A.A. Regt. R.A.	15	4	9	2	36	48	10
965th Bty. R.A.	16	2	12	2	28	79	6
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	40	5
36th Bty. R.A.	15	1	13	1	17	73	3
R. Scots "B"	16	0	15	1	16	73	3



R. K. Collinge, left, and T. B. Low, who won the First Summer Fourshoes of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at the Valley during the week-end.

SAPPERS' FOOTBALL STRENGTH

By "Referee"

Royal Engineers, newcomers to First Division of Hong Kong Football League are fortunate in that they will have the services of all the players who have done so well in Second Division for the past few seasons, while they will be strengthened by several newcomers.

Among the new arrivals recently are some who have played in good circles at Home, among these being SIMPSON, a useful full-back or right-half, RUSSELL, who is equally at home at right-half as on the right-wing, CLARK, a goalkeeper, GRANT, a full-back, BOAG, a centre-forward, and FIELDING, a full-back.

These players have not yet settled down to local conditions, but it is expected that the majority of them will find a place in the senior team.

If Boag comes up to expectations, Sappers' forward line will be greatly strengthened as they will then be able to play Fox, their usual leader, at inside-right, and Pelham will probably be seen in his old position as inside-left.

Following was the Sappers' team which played in the last few matches of last season: Moxham, Palmer and Tang Chung-pak; Taylor, Shaw and Birrell; Li Wai-lum, Jones, Fox, Pelham and Chan Kum-poy.

Following have so far been registered with Football Association for the coming season:

T. S. Simpson, F. Russell, Moxham, French, Clark, Goss, McAndrews, L. Jones, Birrell, F. Jones, Grant, Sarsfield, Waugh, Palmer, Shaw, Cork, Brown, Boag, Byers, Tropp, Taylor, Pelham, Spencer, Fielding, Hill, Gilzean and Moore.

F. FOWLER NOMINATED CAPTAIN

The soccer section of Hong Kong Football Club held their last meeting of the season when officials and representatives on the General Committee were elected, for recommendation at the Annual Meeting.

It was decided at the meeting that the Club would be prepared to play a few games on Sundays if necessary, to relieve the congestion of fixtures, and an appeal was made to the junior players to do their best to turn out regularly so that the Second Division team would do better than last season.

F. Fowler was unanimously nominated captain of the senior team with A. Upton as vice-captain.

Following were the members nominated for recommendation at the Annual Meeting: Senior Soccer captain: Mr. F. Fowler.

HONG KONG'S CHANCES CONSIDERED BRIGHT IN INTER-COLONIAL SHOOT

AS THE RESULT OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE MINIATURE RIFLE SECTION OF THE HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION, INTEREST IN SMALL BORE SHOOTING HAS INCREASED SO TREMENDOUSLY THAT THOSE IN CHARGE OF THE SECTION HAVE ALREADY ENTERED TWO TEAMS FOR THE 1941 INTER-COLONIAL SMALL BORE MATCH, ONE IN THE APERTURE SIGHT SECTION AND ONE IN THE OPEN SIGHTS.

The last time Hong Kong took part in the Inter-Colonial competition was in 1937, when to the surprise of most people, the Colony representatives finished 9th out of 17 entries in the aperture sights section.

In an interview with Mr. A. F. Evans, organizer and Hon. Secretary of the Miniature Rifle League, the "China Mail" learned that chances of a Colony win in the Open Sights are extremely rosy.

SOUTH CHINA MAINTAIN 100 PER CENT.

Only two of the five game arranged for yesterday in Third Division of Lawn Tennis League were played, one of which resulted in South China maintaining their unbeaten record at the expense of Chinese Recreation Club (2).

The games between Army and Chinese Recreation Club (1) and Kowloon Tong and University were postponed owing to the unfit state of the ground while the remaining game between Kowloon Cricket Club and Craigengower was not played owing to Volunteer duties.

K.I.T.C. Win

At King's Park, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 5 sets to 4.

S. A. Hussain and G. M. Khan (K.I.T.C.) beat A. M. Rumjahn and I. Kitchell 6-4 beat A. Rumjahn and M. A. Wahab 6-3 lost to M. P. Madar and A. R. H.

Dr. S. A. M. Sepher and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.) beat Rumjahn and Kitchell 6-2 beat Rumjahn and Wahab 6-2 beat Madar and Esmail 6-2 T. Tirth and Jacob Khan (K.I.T.C.) lost to Rumjahn and Kitchell 1-6 lost to Rumjahn and Wahab 5-7 lost to Madar and Esmail 0-6

Points For South China

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club (2) lost to South China by 6 sets to 3 in Third Division of the Tennis League yesterday.

T. C. Lu and E. Wong (C.R.C.) beat J. Hsu and H. C. Kwok 6-3 lost to K. H. Ip and S. Y. Li 3-6 beat K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong 6-1 K. C. Ng and Y. Y. Lam (C.R.C.) beat Hsu and Kwok 6-0 lost to Ip and Li 4-6 lost to Chan and Wong 2-6 F. K. Lau and C. C. Chiu (C.R.C.) lost to Hsu and Kwok 4-6 lost to Ip and Li 5-7 lost to Chan and Wong 2-6

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.O.A.A.	6	6	0	0	41 1/2	12 1/2	12
A.T.C.	6	5	1	0	40 1/2	13 1/2	10
C.R.C. (2)	7	5	2	0	43	20	10
C.R.C. (1)	6	4	1	0	31	14	8
C.C.C.	5	4	1	0	28 1/2	18 1/2	8
K.I.T.C.	5	3	2	0	26	18	6
K.C.C.	6	2	4	0	16	38	4
C.R.C. (1)	3	1	2	0	12 1/2	14 1/2	2
H.K.U.T.C.	6	1	5	0	17 1/2	38 1/2	2
K.T.G.C.A.	5	1	4	0	16 1/2	34 1/2	2
I.R.C.	7	0	7	0	13	60	0

Senior Soccer vice-captain: Mr. A. Upton. Junior Soccer captain: Mr. A. Gratton. Representative on Council of Football Association: Mr. J. Skinner. Members on General Committee: Messrs. A. Watson and W. M. Thompson. Selection Committee: Messrs. A. Watson, W. M. Thompson, F. Fowler, A. Upton and A. Gratton.

"The average score of the winning team in last year's competition was 84," Mr. Evans said, "and in the few League matches that we have had so far a good many scores of 90 or thereabouts have been returned. That is indeed an encouraging sign," he added.

Mr. Evans said that as the League progressed he expected to see better results, for with more practice in Small Bore shooting (which Colony rifle shots did not have much opportunity of indulging in to any great extent in the past), improvements were inevitable.

Mr. Evans said that teams for the Inter-Colonial matches this year would be selected from results in the League, the best shots in the aperture and open sights divisions to be selected automatically.

The 1937 Team

When the Colony took part in the match in 1937, the Hong Kong team comprised:

C. P. O. Pellow, Cpl. E. T. Morris, C. Watson, Sergt. C. R. Mannell, Cpl. R. Tonkings, Capt. F. G. Ratcliffe, Sergt. A. J. Crossman and Sergt. G. J. Perkins.

Although Mr. Evans is not taking an active part in the League at the present, being much too busy with the great amount of work involved in checking cards and other secretarial duties, he is a very keen rifle shot and in 1940 qualified for the Final 20 in the shoot for the Governor's Cup at the local Bisley Meeting.

Prior to coming out to Hong Kong in 1938, Mr. Evans had shot for the North Hull Rifle Club and Royal Air Force in Halton, Buckinghamshire. This is his first experience of running a Rifle League of any sort, and though more work was attached to it than he had bargained for, Mr. Evans said it was well worth the trouble as he had received wonderful support from all the rifle teams in the Colony.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the probable teams:

P.O.R.C. (1) v. C.B.A. I.R.C. v. I.R.C. F.C. v. K.I.T.C. S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C. C.C.C. v. P.O.R.C. (2) P.O.R.C. (1) v. Howlett and W. G. Morrison; D. Fitches and Y. S. Fung; S. S. Chim and S. K. Chim. P.O.R.C. (2) v. C. I. Chan and T. M. Castlino; C. C. Lam and Lai Fat; K. W. Wong and T. F. Ho. C.R.C. v. K. M. Wong and K. C. Lai; C. N. Tsang and S. T. Ng; Yu Tak-lam and T. Y. Leung. J.R.C. v. B. Gockin and S. Ramler; A. R. Pollak and M. Tahan; A. Odell and E. Whitcomb. Fillingim Club v. K. K. Ip and B. Poon; T. S. Hsu and T. Koo; P. Poon and L. da Souza. I.R.C. v. A. Rumjahn and A. J. Safford; G. Singh and M. H. Hassan; M. Hussain and M. I. Razaek. K.I.T.C. v. K. S. Mehla and Y. J. Khan; K. Singh and J. Singh; J. Dad and Ramchand.

Panthers beat Cyclones by the only goal scored by Ward, in a hockey game on roller skates yesterday.

Denver University's Pioneers play seven of their nine grid games at home next season.

There's fun ahead for football writers and announcers. Wojcikiewicz, Wojcikiewicz has enrolled at the College of the Pacific hoping to play under Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg. He says he's a brother of Alex Wojcikiewicz, Fordham All-American centre in 1939. His friends call him "Bow Wow."

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ONE UPSET IN OPEN BOWLS ENCOUNTERS

The Colony Lawn Bowls Championship programme yesterday was made up of a Third Round Rinks match and two Second Round pairs games, highlight of which was the victory scored by K. M. Omar and S. R. Solina, of Craigengower C.C. over their club-mates, C. S. Rosselet and L. Gaddi.

In the other Pairs match E. W. Simmonds and F. Goodwin went down to C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares after an interesting game in which the winners scored a 3 which turned out to be the biggest count yesterday.

Another surprise was caused when the Stanley rink comprising W. McCarrach, G. V. McGrath, C. Foster and T. Pile beat W. K. Way, E. Zimmerman, T. Lock and T. A. Madar.

Surprise Result

On the Police R.C. green, K. M. Omar and S. R. Solina beat L. Gaddi and C. S. Rosselet 28-16.

Both Rosselet and Omar had been on the unfit list. Rosselet with an eye injury and Omar with a bout of fever, and this was their first appearance on the green for a matter of a week or so.

It was not surprising, therefore, that neither of them produced their best form, though each in turn sent down an occasional good wood.

Rosselet, conceding a single at the 1st, notched up 2 0 1 2 1 4 to lead 10-2 at the 7th, and at this stage indications were that they would pull through to the Third Round. Omar and his partner, however, had other ideas, and a run of 2 2 5 4 1 gave them a lead of 16-10 at the 12th, after which they never looked back. They chalked up another round dozen at the last time heads, allowing their opponents just half that total to make the final score 28-16 in their favour. They had scored at 13 ends. Scores were:

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Stanley Win

At Hong Kong Football Club, T. Pile's rink (McCarrach, McGrath and Foster) beat T. A. Madar's four (Way, Zimmerman and Lock) by 29 shots to 8.

On the run of the play, Pile's rink were full value for their victory, each man pulling his weight to the extent of leaving the opposition very little scope.

Madar's four were by no means bowling badly, but it was just that the Stanleyites were always a shade better with their woods so that whenever the skips went down to bowl it was more a question of how many Madar could save rather than how many he could score.

In a rink where everybody played his part so well, it would be invidious to pick out any individual, but a special word of praise must be given for the way the Stanley front men laid the foundation for victory.

Pile's four jumped away to a match-winning start with 2 0 4 2 1 1 0 0 1 0 2 0 3 3 1 1 to lead 22-5 at the 17th, and a 3 at the next end proved Madar's last effort and a run of 1 3 2 by Pile brought his total to 28, scored at 15 ends.

W. McCarrach W. K. Way
C. V. McGrath E. Zimmerman
C. Foster T. Lock
T. Pile (s) 28 T. A. Madar (s) 8

Recreio Pair Through

At Kowloon Football Club C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares beat E. W. C. Simmonds and F. Goodwin by 22-18.

Without detracting from their victory, the Portuguese pair were lucky to pull through as Simmonds was bowling much better than Silva at lead while there was very little to choose between the skips, but Soares definitely had what luck, that was going and that, more than anything else, was the deciding factor.

This was particularly emphasised at the 10th end when Goodwin, leading 8-7, went down to bowl with the opposition lying 5. Goodwin tried to trail the Jack; had he been successful his pair might have "lived to fight another day," but his last wood went through a port that was just wide enough for the passage of one, with barely a fraction of an inch clearance on either side!

Having thus established the lead for the first time, the Portuguese pair never looked back and though Goodwin and his partner fought every inch of the remaining 11 heads, Soares and his partner held out to win with 4 shots to spare after scoring at 12 ends. Scores were:

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Hal Schumacher of New York Giants has more on the ball than at any time since the right-hander clipped the bone in his arm three years ago.

Yale University will have to get a new mascot when Ducky Pond, former Yale football coach, leaves to take up his new assignment at Bates College. Handsome Dan, famed symbol of Blue tenaciousness, is Pond's bulldog and will depart for Lewiston, Me., with him.

BOWLS CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

Kowloon Cricket Club are turning out the same team in First Division as the one that did duty for them last week when they lost, on aggregate, to Kowloon Docks in the Lawn Bowls League.

FEW ATTEND GOODWOOD SUBSTITUTE

Except for the titles of the races there were few signs that the substitute for the "Glorious Goodwood" race meeting was being held yesterday at Newmarket.

There were fewer people than at any previous Newmarket meeting this season.

The main event was the

In Second Division, however, a few positional changes have been made. J. M. Jack will have the same rink, but L. Jack will be leading Capell, Overy and Fabel as compared with his team of Gray, Broadbridge and Overy last Saturday.

Meadows, who was skip to Capell, Fincher and Fabel last week, will have Gray, Fincher and Curtis as his front men this time.

Electric R.C. are making a few changes in their line-up for their match this week against Craigengower in Third Division.

One change is noted in Gardner's

Steward's Handicap, a substitute for the Steward's Cup, which Herman Jennings's outsider Valthema won at 100 to 8. Valthema beat another outsider in Lady Henderson's Love's Revelry by a head in a thrilling six furlongs race in which the 100 to 30 favourite Zaiter, owned by Mr. Miles, was only half a length behind.—Reuter.

South China beat Sing Tao 21-30 in an interesting game in the Basketball League yesterday, while National University beat Police 60-29.

rink, in the No. 2 position, where Groome comes in in place of McAlpine. Lunny will be leading Everett, Way and Owens as against his rink of Owens, Gahagan and Butler last week. In the third rink Paul will not be available as skip and that position goes to Butler, No. 3 to Lunny last week. He will have Stonehouse, Stoker and Barron in his side. Last week Paul led Tarbuck, Groome and Sloan.

Following are the selected teams:

ELECTRIC
Third Division (v Craigengower C.C., home):—A. G. Everett, J. R. Way, R. A. Owens and J. F. Lunny (skip); W. Stonehouse, W. Stoker, J. F. Barron and R. C. Butler (skip); R. F. Gregory, E. L. Groome, W. E. Macfarlane and A. G. Gardner (skip). Reserve J. Roscoe.

KOWLOON C.C.
First Division (v Police R.C., home):—A. E. Perry, R. T. Broadbridge, W. Mulcahy and E. C. Fincher (skip); N. D. Lloyd, A. W. Smith, G. E. Taylor and N. J. Bebbington (skip); A. E. P. Guest, A. W. Ramsey, W. W. Parsons and T. A. Madar (skip).

Second Division (v Kowloon F.C., away):—A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, R. Leigh and J. M. Jack (skip); R. S. Capell, H. Overy, F. A. Fabel and L. Jack (skip); S. A. Gray, E. F. Fincher, E. C. Curtis and R. S. Meadows (skip).

TRIANGULAR SWIMMING MEET ON SAT.

Chinese Bathing Club, South China Athletic Association and Hong Kong University have arranged a triangular swimming gala for Saturday next at 7.15 p.m. at Chinese Bathing Club, North Point, in aid of the Chinese Medical Relief Fund.

Following is the programme:—
Men's 50 Metres free-style.
Men's 100 Metres breast-stroke.
Ladies' 100 Metres free-style Invitation Relay.
Men's 200 Metres free-style relay.
Men's 200 Metres breast-stroke.
Men's 400 Metres free-style.
Diving.
Men's 150 Metres Medley.
Men's 100 Metres back-stroke.
Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke (Open).
Men's 100 Metres free-style.

Entries for the inter-school swimming meet, organised by Victoria Recreation Club, close to-day.

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JAPANESE REPRISALS

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BRITAIN'S NEW "SECRET" WEAPON

Raiding British aircraft, according to the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," are dropping over Germany imitation German clothes ration cards.

The newspaper says anyone using such cards will be sentenced to long imprisonment or death. — Reuter.

CONSTITUTION OF CEYLON CHANGES

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES WAS QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY REGARDING THE POSITION IN RESPECT TO DISCUSSIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION OF CEYLON.

It was stated that the Secretary of State is still in consultation with the Governor, and that the Secretary of State was not yet in a position to say what the outcome would be or what progress would become practicable during the continuance of the war. — Reuter.

Service Of Japanese Loan Bonds

"SOMEWHAT ELASTIC REPRISALS" IS THE COMMENT OF THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" ON TOKYO'S REJOINDER TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN-DUTCH FREEZING.

Drawing attention to the Japanese announcement in New York that interest on sinking fund payments on dollar bonds will be continued, the newspaper says unofficial Japanese quarters in London have hinted that the service of sterling bonds will probably be maintained if sufficient trade is allowed for the accumulation of sterling balances.

The newspaper points out that only about £2,000,000 are required for the annual upkeep of payment to British holders, and Japanese financiers are anxious not to spoil the Japanese record for regular payment.

"THE NEW REGULATIONS DO NOT IN FACT BAR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TRADE ON A CASH BASIS, AND THE EMBARGO ON THE SUPPLY OF IMPORTANT RAW MATERIALS TO JAPAN DOES NOT YET APPLY TO OIL."

"Economic pressure has only begun and the Democratic Governments have not yet shut Japan's way of retreat.

Depends On Japan

"It depends on her actions whether the pressure will be increased to the point of slow strangulation."

All British newspapers draw attention to the fact that Japan is beginning to put the screw on Thailand in the same way as on Indo-China, with hints, complaints and radio allegations that Thailand is "threatened by the British." — Reuter.

SOVIET SECRET WEAPON

The existence of a Soviet secret weapon was revealed yesterday with the announcement that Stalin had received its inventor, Kostikov, and expressed high praise of the new weapon.

The weapon has taken Kostikov and a group of engineers working under him three years to develop, says the Moscow newspaper "Pravda" announcing the success of the researches.

WITHOUT GIVING DETAILS "PRAVDA" SAYS THIS "NEW TYPE OF WEAPON HAS DISPLAYED EXCELLENT QUALITIES IN WAR CONDITIONS."

When Stalin received Kostikov, says "Pravda," he not only highly praised the new weapon but gave him new tasks and valuable advice for future work. Kostikov, who has been given the title "Hero of Soviet Labour," has specialised in new types of armaments for the past eight years and, recently evolved and put into practice 12 original designs. — Reuter.

JAPAN PUTS OUT A FEELER

(Continued from Page 1)

Japan's Limit

Officials thought the bombing of Japanese from Vladivostok — a distance of about 750 miles — possible but difficult.

They gave 60 divisions as the limit Japan could equip, the forces fighting in China and threatening Malaya being included in this total.

It is considered that should Japan make any hostile move against the Dutch East Indies, Britain would promptly come in against her though the Indies themselves are capable of putting up a fair resistance. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

A typhoon is moving towards the China Sea from the Pacific. Its position at 3.10 p.m. yesterday was East of N. Visayas, or S.E. Luzon, moving West or WNW.

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KONOYE WARNING SPEECH

"There is no doubt that this war is bringing serious effects to Japan," declared Prince Konoze, the Japanese Premier, addressing the sixteenth plenary session of the National Mobilisation Investigatory Commission in Tokyo yesterday.

"Moreover it is difficult to predict where this conflict in Europe may spread," he added.

"In view of the rapidly changing world situation everyone in Japan must always be prepared to meet worse."

"The Government is doing everything within its power to mobilise the country's resources and manpower to meet any situation that may arise in future."

Prince Konoze urged members of the Commission to study all problems in bringing about a speedy carrying out of all the Government's mobilisation plans. —Reuter.

N.E.I. WILL FIGHT

"Should circumstances arise owing to the geographical situation of the East Indies to force a fight upon us, there is no doubt whatever that we would, with our Allies, accept that fight," declared Queen Wilhelmina in a special broadcast to her subjects all over the world last night.

Queen Wilhelmina added she did not forget her peoples in the western hemisphere to whom the torch of war could bring its horrors.

She knew that an appeal to their peoples, army and navy to bear sacrifices would not be in vain. —Reuter.

TATUTA TO PUT INTO SAN FRANCISCO

Japan's crack liner, the N.Y.K. Tatuta Maru, has been given special permission to discharge her passengers in San Francisco where she is expected in a few hours. —Reuter.

If Fait Accompli In Indo-China Is Recognised!

JAPAN IS WILLING TO CALL A HALT TO EXPANSION IF THE DEMOCRACIES RECOGNISE A "FAIT ACCOMPLI" IN INDO-CHINA.

If, on the other hand, "encirclement" in the Pacific continues — in other words if the economic Sanctions are aggravated by an embargo on oil — Japan will have to consider taking measures to "prevent herself being strangled."

That is how the Tokyo correspondent of the Vichy news agency — quoting "well-informed Japanese quarters" — summed up the attitude of the Japanese Government last night.

The correspondent "does not despair of finding a basis for a modus vivendi with the United States when the psychological effect of the credit blockade subsides." — Reuter.

KEITEL'S SON KILLED IN ACTION

The death of Lieutenant Hans Georg Keitel, youngest son of Field-Marshal Keitel, Chief of the German General Staff, is announced by the German news agency.

Lt. Keitel, who served with an artillery regiment, was killed in the fighting on the eastern front. — Reuter.

FREEZING IN CANTON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN JAPANESE AND AMERICANS AND BRITONS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPLIED IN JAPAN HAVE ALSO BEEN APPLIED IN CANTON SINCE MONDAY ACCORDING TO A NOTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL YESTERDAY.

The Kwangtung government is said to be taking parallel action concerning the Chinese, but this report has not yet been confirmed. — Reuter Special.

Official's Statement

"Our Government is fully prepared to measure up to any situation that is developing or likely to develop in connection with the Anglo-American combination in the Far East."

This statement, made by Mr. Takenosuke Miyamoto, Deputy President of the Planning Board, is emphasised in a leading article in the semi-official Tokyo newspaper "Japan Times" yesterday.

Everything that had happened by way of economic war was anticipated, declared Mr. Miyamoto. Japan had planned its economy for the latter half of this year without counting on supplies from Britain or the U.S.

"From The South"

The programme for material supplies was based on the degree of self-supply achieved or to be achieved by the combination of Japan, Manchukuo and China, "together with what supplements may be obtained from some countries in the south."

ALTHOUGH JAPAN WAS FULLY PREPARED TO MEET THE SITUATION THERE WAS NO DOUBT OF ITS GRAVITY (Continued on Page 16)

Astonishing Rumour

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THERE IS NO TRUTH IN THE RUMOUR THAT 20,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE ALREADY IN EGYPT.

Only American service personnel in Egypt are a few observers there in connection with considerable deliveries of American equipment now taking place in the Middle East. — Reuter.

SOVIETS HITTING BACK

The present Russian counter-attacks might be the start of larger ones, though evidence in London of a major Russian counter-offensive is lacking.

Everything depends on material, equipment, and the number of men available.

There is still intense fighting in the Pskov, Smolensk and Kiev areas.

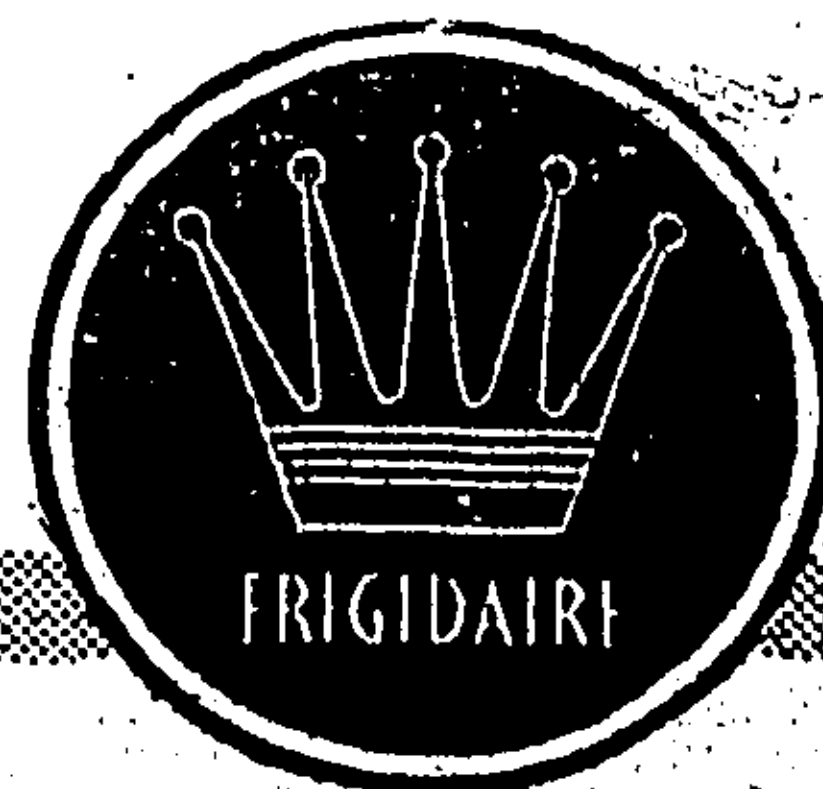
The Russians have launched strong counter-attacks, particularly in the Smolensk sector.

The Germans have made no progress anywhere apart perhaps from a very slight advance south of Kiev.

Baltic Battle

Four Soviet torpedo-boats scattered an enemy convoy escorted by destroyers and torpedo-boats in the Baltic and sank a barge laden with tanks and infantry, reports the official Tass agency in Moscow last night.

One Soviet vessel was damaged in the engagement but the others formed a smoke screen round her, beat off the enemy and escorted her to her base. — Reuter.



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BURYING OF THE HATCHET

Poland And Soviet Sign Pact

Conciliatory Spirit Revealed

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

RUSSIA AND POLAND HAVE AGREED TO BURY THE HATCHET AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL BE RESUMED FORTHWITH. A GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WAS SIGNED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

JUNIOR CABINET MINISTERS?

IT WAS REVEALED IN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY THAT 162 AMERICAN PILOTS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED INTO THE BRITISH AIR TRANSPORT AUXILIARY SERVICE.

They are on a yearly contract and their salary is £1,937, 17s and 9d a year free of United Kingdom income tax. — Reuter.

HISTORIC EVENT ANNOUNCED IN COMMONS

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, ANNOUNCING THE SOVIET-POLISH AGREEMENT AMID LOUD CHEERS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, SAID THIS HISTORIC EVENT WOULD LAY A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE POLISH-SOVIET COLLABORATION IN THE WAR AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY. (CHEERS).

It would therefore be a valuable contribution to the common cause (cheers), and would be warmly welcomed in all friendly countries and not least among all countries of the British Empire. (Loud cheers).

Mr. Eden congratulated those who had shown such wise statesmanship in coming to an agreement. (Cheers).

The cheers were renewed when Mr. Eden announced the Soviet Government's consent under the agreement (which was signed at the Foreign Office in London yesterday afternoon) to the formation of a Polish army on Soviet territory.

Mr. Eden stated that arrangements for the immediate resumption of Soviet-Polish diplomatic relations were being made.

British Note

He stated that after the signature he handed General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, the following Note:—

"On the occasion of the signature of the Polish-Soviet Agreement of to-day's date I desire to take the opportunity to inform you that in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement of Mutual Assistance between the United Kingdom and Poland of August 25, 1939, the Government of the United Kingdom have entered into no undertakings with Soviet Russia which affect the relations of that country and Poland."

"I also desire to assure you that the British Government do not recognise territorial changes affected in Poland since 1939."

Polish Reply

General Sikorski handed Mr. Eden the following reply:

"The Polish Government take note of Your Excellency's letter, dated July 30, 1941, and desire to express sincere satisfaction at the statement that the British Government do not recognise any territorial changes which have been effected in Poland since August, 1939."

"This corresponds with the view of the Polish Government which, as they previously informed the British Government, have never recognised any territorial changes in Poland since the outbreak of the present war."

Mr. Eden pointed out that the Soviet-Polish Agreement stated that the Soviet Government recognised that the Soviet-German treaties of 1939 concerning territorial changes in Poland had lost their validity.

British Attitude

He recalled that the attitude of the British Government was stated in general terms by the Prime Minister in the Commons on September 5, 1940, when he said the British Government did not propose to recognise any territorial changes which took place during the war unless they took place with the free consent and goodwill of the parties concerned.

Mr. Eden added this held good for territorial changes effected in Poland since August, 1939, "and I informed the Polish Government accordingly in my official Note."

Replying to supplementary questions Mr. Eden said the exchange of Notes did not involve any guarantee of frontiers by the British Government.

Both Satisfied

He answered in the affirmative a question by Sir Percy Harris (Liberal) in regard to whether both parties were satisfied with the terms of the agreement and whether it was mutual in respect to the Governments of both nations.

Mr. Ellis Smith (Labour) asked if as there was a huge potential Polish army in the Soviet Union, would Mr. Eden do all he could to equip that army as quickly as possible.

Mr. Eden said that would be a matter for the Soviet Government "but we have had in mind throughout the negotiations the enormous value for the Allied cause of the raising and equipping rapidly of a Polish army in Russia."

Congratulations

Mr. Hore-Belisha congratulated Mr. Eden on the part he had played in mediating this agreement, and asked would Mr. Eden also make known to our principal enemy Hitler that this was the result of his wanton attack on Russia.

Mr. Edwards (Labour) asked was the Note handed to Gen. Sikorski on the signing of the agreement known beforehand and was it part of the amicable arrangement of all parties. Mr. Eden replied, yes, that was all arranged beforehand. — Reuter.

The negotiations have been delicate but both Governments have shown understanding and a conciliatory spirit.

The agreement is accompanied by an exchange of documents between the Polish and British Governments, in which the latter records its adhesion.

Two principal subjects covered by the agreement are the questions of Polish prisoners and existing treaties.

The Soviet Government has immediately ordered a general amnesty to Poles in Russia, with complete freedom of movement.

This decision will affect some 500,000 civilian prisoners now in Soviet hands, as well as about 100,000 soldiers.

IT IS EXPECTED A LARGE NUMBER WILL VOLUNTEER AT ONCE FOR SERVICE AGAINST THE GERMANS.

Null And Void

As regards treaties the Soviet Government expressly declares the treaty concluded with the Germans in 1939 to be null and void.

This treaty among other things established the line of the frontiers between Germany and Soviet Russia.

Effect of this happy solution of the conflict between Poland and Russia will inspire those Poles still suffering under the Nazi yoke with fresh hope and encouragement.

It marks a big step forward towards post-war collaboration and is a sign of confidence in the victory of the Allies.

A word of tribute must also be paid to the good offices of the British Secretary of State which greatly helped to bring about the agreement. — Reuter.

MATTER OF COMMON INTEREST

It is emphasised in London that the Soviet-Polish Agreement implies a general recognition of the overriding common interest and necessity in collaborating in the defeat of the Germans.

This important feature has been recognised both by the Poles and Russians.

It is pointed out that Russians and Poles are both Britain's allies and the Polish force is an integral part of the British forces.

Without this treaty it would be possible to visualise a situation in which an Anglo-Russian force collaborated in operation and Poles might also be engaged in operations without being allies of the Russians.

That possibility is now definitely removed.

There is also a genuine hope that in pursuing their common interest — the defeat of Germany — much of the trouble and bitterness of the past may be washed out and a solution of problems still to be considered will become easier and be conducted in a happier atmosphere. — Reuter.

CONGRESS COMMITTEE AND SELECTEES

By 15 votes to seven the Military Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday approved the legislation extending beyond the previously stipulated year the military service of selectees, National Guardsmen, reserve officers and enlisted personnel. — Reuter.

SIMPLE CEREMONY AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE

SIMPLICITY MARKED THE SIGNING OF THE SOVIET-POLISH AGREEMENT IN THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S ROOM AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN LONDON YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The Prime Minister presided, with Mr. Eden on his right and General Sikorski (Polish Premier) next to Mr. Eden, while M. Maisky (Soviet Ambassador) and M. Novikoff (Councillor of the Soviet Embassy) were on the Prime Minister's left.

The Polish text and the Russian text of the agreement were placed before the representatives of those countries and signed by them in their own language first.

After the signing was completed Mr. Eden said a few words of congratulation.

General Sikorski followed and then M. Maisky and finally Mr. Churchill. Mr. Churchill said the Pact marked the association of two historic nations in the defence of human rights.

General Cordiality

After they had all spoken, Mr. Eden handed General Sikorski the official Note to which General Sikorski handed Mr. Eden a reply.

Immediately after the ceremony was completed and hands shaken all round in an atmosphere of general cordiality, Mr. Eden set off for the House of Commons to announce the signature. — Reuter.

Tutula Bombing Protest

The U.S. Navy Department yesterday announced that the U.S. gunboat Tutula was damaged by Japanese bombs during the latest raid on Chungking.

No casualties were caused. A Washington spokesman said the raiders loosed several bombs over the gunboat, slightly damaging the stern superstructure and some equipment and shattering the Tutula's small outboard motorboat.

The spokesman believed the damage was incidental to the general raid although the Tutula was anchored in the so-called safety area across the Yangtze River from Chungking.

The U.S. Government has strongly protested to Japan. — Reuter.

OPERATION ON DR. TAGORE

The Indian poet, Rabindranath Tagore, has undergone an operation. It was announced in Calcutta yesterday, and his condition is described as satisfactory. It is believed he had kidney trouble. — Reuter.

ITALIAN PRISONERS IN BRITAIN

TWO THOUSAND ITALIAN WAR PRISONERS HAVE ARRIVED IN GREAT BRITAIN FOR WORK UNDER THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

They will be employed on ditching, draining land, reclamation and general agricultural work. Labour camps have been constructed in suitable rural areas. — Reuter.

Japanese Move In Thailand Only A Matter Of Time

BAIT OF NEW TERRITORY POSSIBLE

WHILE THE THAI AUTHORITIES DENY THAT JAPAN HAS OFFERED CAMBODIA AND LAOS (PROVINCES OF INDO-CHINA) AS A QUID PRO QUO IF THAILAND JOINS THE "NEW ORDER," WELL-INFORMED OBSERVERS IN BANGKOK BELIEVE IT IS ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE JAPAN SOUNDS THAILAND ON PROPOSALS OF SOME SORT.

They think it quite probable that Japan will shortly offer the world-famous Angkor Vat and Laos, in Indo-China, in the belief that Thailand would be very glad to have the former for sentimental reasons and the latter on international political grounds.

The offer might be subject to two important conditions.

FIRSTLY, JAPAN TO HAVE A VIRTUAL MONOPOLY OF THAILAND'S RICE, TIN AND RUBBER EXPORTS.

SECONDLY, TEMPORARY FACILITIES FOR JAPAN TO USE NAVAL AND AIR BASES IN THAILAND.

Observers maintain that whether Thailand would seriously consider such a conditional offer, when it comes, is another question altogether, though it would largely depend on the attitude of Britain and America.

No Walkover

They are sure Japan knows better than to assume that the walk-over of Vichy could be repeated in Bangkok despite the fact that Japanese forces are now poised on Thailand's eastern borders.

According to the same observers those at present guiding Thailand's destinies are very closely following every facet of the Far Eastern crisis and the latest Anglo-American reactions to it.

They are fully alive to the fact that Britain and America would consider the above-mentioned economic condition as active assistance to any Japanese counter-blockade, and the strategic condition as an abandonment of Thailand's neutrality.

Possible Feeler

Even if Thailand is prepared to discuss a modified form of the economic condition, she cannot easily be persuaded to commit herself on the strategic condition.

It is also equally probable that Japan will immediately ask Thailand to recognise the Manchukuo and Nanking regimes.

This would be a feeler to see to what extent Thailand relies on the backing of other powers to resist pressure.

Thailand has met no pressure, economic or military, from any power and has no anxiety whatsoever about being the object of military aggression by any foreign country, says a communiqué reaffirming Thailand's foreign policy.

It adds that Thailand will not be concerned in any dispute arising outside her borders but will gladly carry on trade relations with foreign countries with a view to maintaining friendly relations with every country. —Reuter.

ITALIANS ROUTED AT TOBRUK

Tobruk garrison patrols were very active on Monday night, one routing a large party of Italians over two miles from the British lines.

This news was given in yesterday's G.H.Q. communiqué in Cairo which stated:

During the night of July 28/29 a strong fighting patrol operating from the eastern sector of the Tobruk defences put to flight a large party of Italians occupying an isolated defended locality over two miles distant from our lines.

The enemy sustained many casualties and left one gun and 20 rifles in our hands.

Although other patrols operating to the southward penetrated deep into the enemy positions they failed to make contact.

Dump Destroyed

In the frontier area, one of our mechanised patrols succeeded in destroying considerable stocks of aviation spirit and oil on a hostile landing ground.

Elsewhere in the frontier area aggressive activity by our patrols has continued. —Reuter.

PREPARING FOR BETTER TIMES

REPLYING TO COMMONS QUESTIONS THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID HIS ATTENTION HAD BEEN DRAWN TO THE RECENT SPEECH IN WASHINGTON OF THE UNITED STATES ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE SUGGESTING THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF PEACE-LOVING NATIONS SHOULD EVEN NOW BE DISCUSSING HOW BEST TO PREPARE FOR BETTER TIMES TO COME.

The question of entering into such discussions was very much in the mind of the British Government, Mr. Eden said, and he hoped they might shortly be able to hold another meeting of the Governments of the Allied powers at which they could begin examination of post-war problems. —British Wireless.

A STRONG DETERRENT

The break-up of the Italian "mystery boat" attack on Valetta harbour is the subject of a telegram of congratulations from the Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, Sir John Dill, to the Commander-in-Chief, Malta, Lt.-Gen. Sir William Dobbie.

Sir John Dill states: "Please convey my congratulations to all ranks of the Royal Marine Artillery manning the fixed defences on their great success in breaking up the determined enemy sea-borne attack on the Grand Harbour."

"The action of these gunners has excited universal admiration here in the United Kingdom. The skill and determination shown by them will act as a strong deterrent to future enemy attacks by sea." —Reuter.

INDIA FREEZES CREDITS OF CHINA

THE RESERVE BANK of India yesterday issued instructions to all banks that the accounts of all persons and firms resident in China, including Shanghai, or the accounts of all firms and companies incorporated therein or under the control of residents of these territories and operating in India, shall be blocked.

Banks have been informed they may honour obligations under confirmed credits opened on or before July 30, 1941, on behalf of residents of these countries and may also accept bills or pay cheques drawn by such persons, provided they are presented by residents of India who became holders for value on or before July 30, 1941.

The following accounts are exempted from the order but funds therein are released for payments within the sterling area only:—

The Central Bank of China, the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications, the Farmers Bank of China, the National Government of the Republic of China or any agency thereof.

In addition, for the time being, the exemption also applies to the accounts in India of Chinese branches of authorised dealers in foreign exchange.

Private Remittances

Private remittances to China are no longer permitted and remittances for commercial purposes must be credited in rupees or sterling to any exempted account or to a blocked rupee account of a resident of China.

The private accounts of Chinese residents of India are not restricted. —Reuter.

FOOD PARCELS FOR WAR PRISONERS

The Canadian Red Cross is immediately increasing its weekly food parcel shipments for British prisoners of war from 10,000 to 30,000.

Each parcel will contain 16 food items. —Reuter.

TYPHOON NEARING LUZON

A typhoon is moving towards the China Sea from the Pacific. Its position at 3.10 p.m. yesterday was East of N. Visayas, or S.E. Luzon, moving West or WNW.

BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE

There has been no change of the policy of the British Government with regard to Palestine, said Mr. Churchill in the Commons yesterday in answer to a question. —Reuter.

"GUARDS" ON BRITISH FIRMS

A Shanghai dispatch states that the Japanese have stationed gendarmes around British and American firms in Tsingtao. —Central News.

'KEEP NAZIS DOWN'

The hope that after the war had been won Allied troops would march into Berlin to hold the Germans down during "the period of their re-education" was expressed in the Commons the other day.

Mr. Mander (Lib., Wolverhampton, E.) voiced this sentiment after Mr. Rhys Davies (Soc., West Houghton) had raised the question of peace aims.

Mr. Davies said he lived in Manchester and had seen two nights of hell. He thought the time had arrived when the growing volume of opinion among the homeless, injured and maimed ought to be stated in Parliament.

In Grim Mood

The Government had got to make a statement as to what we were fighting about.

Mr. Mander said the people of this country were in a grim and determined mood, and no difficulties and no defeats were going to let us down.

Germany would have to be held down and prevented from starting another war during the period of re-education.

He hoped that on this occasion the victorious Allied troops would be seen in Berlin so that the Germans could not say again: "We did not lose the war."

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VAST GERMAN FIFTH COLUMN AT WORK IN NEAR EAST

A "VAST GERMAN Fifth Column" is in Iran and Afghanistan, according to the "Eastern correspondent" of the Independent French Agency.

The correspondent says: "The diplomatic representatives of Great Britain and Russia are at present engaged at Teheran and Kabul in combatting the subterranean activities of the Fifth Column.

"Utilising these two centres as bases, German agents and saboteurs are infiltrating into the neighbouring territories of the Soviet Caucasian Republics, the Republic of Turkmen and Soviet Turkestan, as well as the North-West Frontier of India.

"Accidents, which appear to be attributable to sabotage, in industrial centres in the Caucasus, have led to increased vigilance by the Soviet authorities.

"It is understood Great Britain is specially concerned with safeguarding the refineries and oil wells of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company in southern Iran.

Dangerous Activities

"There is good reason to believe that German agents are working in close collaboration with White Russian refugees, some of whom have been furnished with German passports.

"The Soviet and British Ministers have drawn the attention of the Iranian Government to the dangerous activities of German agents who are trying to enlist the support of Iranian subjects trading in Soviet and British territories.

"It is noted that twice within a period of six weeks the Afghan Government has made a point of proclaiming its determination to maintain strict neutrality.

Afghan Youth

"Nevertheless certain groups of young Afghans have been won over to Nazi ideas and are playing the game of the local Nazi agents who are conducting propaganda of a somewhat simple and unoriginal character.

"They emphasise, first, that Afghans owe it to themselves to ensure the return of the Afghan minorities to their country, secondly, that a country like Afghanistan should have a powerful air force to ensure its defence." — Reuter.

DEATH FOR SLACKERS IN U.S.S.R.

Soviet determination to combat all Nazi attacks is further evidenced by the drastic punishment of slackness in fire-fighting in Moscow.

Three high officials in a Moscow car parts supply trust and a responsible fire warden of the trust were sentenced to death yesterday for the inadequate provision of fire-fighting equipment and general slackness in precautions.

The inventory manager received 10 years' imprisonment.

The case was judged by a military tribunal and accused were charged with deliberate sabotage and counter-revolutionary activity owing to fire on the night of July 14 on the trust's premises causing damage worth 3½ million roubles.

The fire lit up one-quarter of the city, nullifying the black-out. — Reuter.

DIVE BOMBERS BEATEN OFF

A German dive-bombing attack on British shipping off the coast of Cyrenaica, North Africa, on Tuesday, was driven off by R.A.F. fighters which shot down six enemy planes, according to yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

A STRONG FORMATION OF JUNKERS 87'S, ESCORTED BY MESSERSCHMITTS, MADE THE ATTACK. FOUR BOMBERS AND TWO FIGHTERS WERE BROUGHT DOWN.

Reconnaissance has shown that Monday's raids on aerodromes in Sicily were more successful than was first thought.

Both at Catania and Borizzo the number of badly damaged aircraft was greater than originally reported and the number of planes confirmed as destroyed during the sweep has risen to 36, with the knowledge that six, and not four, fighters were destroyed at Catania.

The communique also reports the dropping of some 10 bombs on a quay and ship-

Brendan Bracken Jollied

Mr. Brendan Bracken, new Minister of Information, was tackled in the Commons yesterday on the question of expediting the release of spot news and topical pictures to the U.S. and British Dominions.

He was asked to take into consideration the fact that the eminent American journalist, Miss Dorothy Thompson, said more hot news was wanted in America.

Mr. Brendan Bracken declared he would do everything in his power to give the maximum amount of news and photographs to the U.S. and the British Dominions, and indeed to any part of the world that would like to have British news.—Reuter.

SOUTH AMERICAN CONFLICT

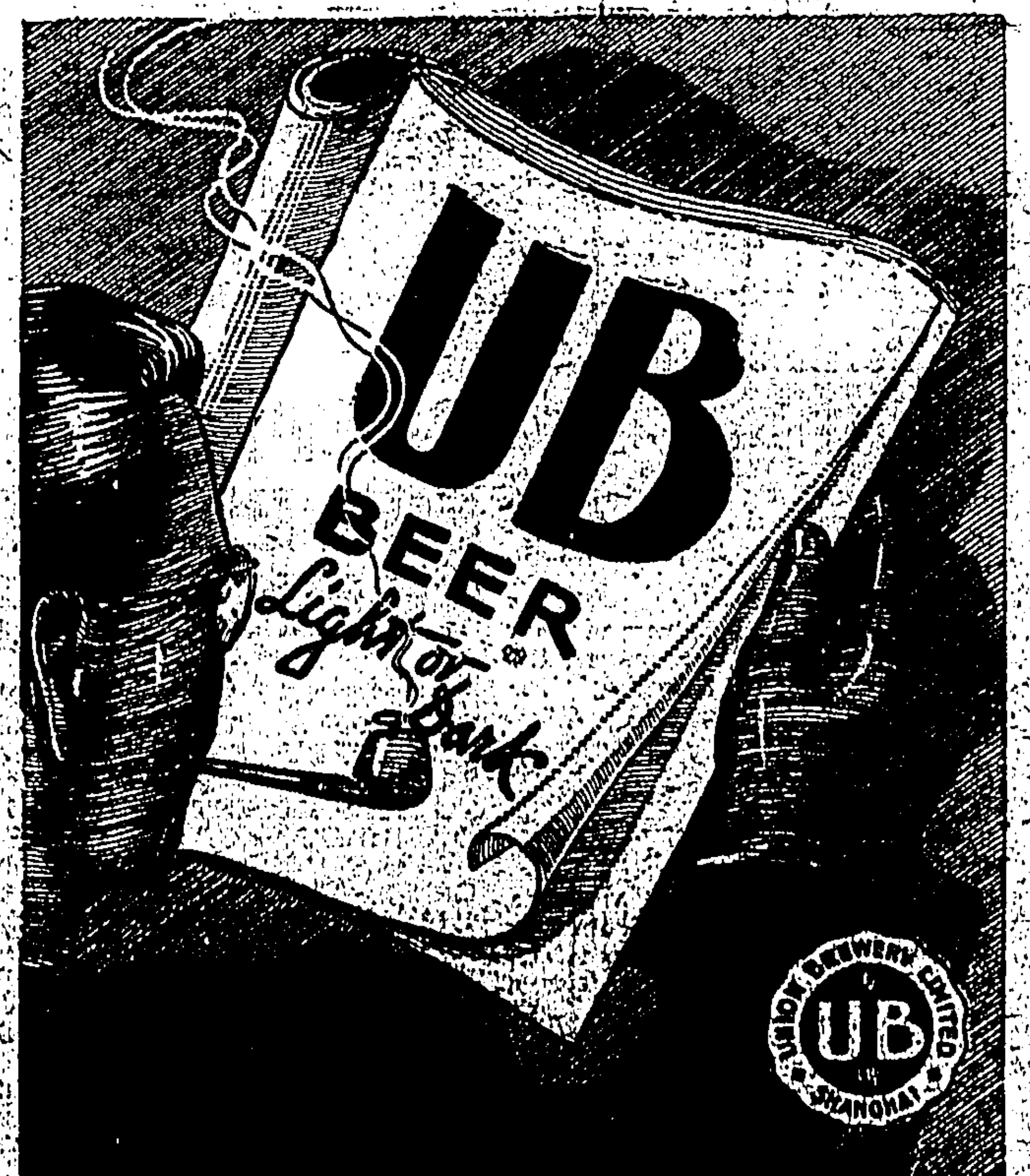
MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN PERU AND ECUADOR MIGHT BE EXPECTED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

Indications yesterday morning gave hope of a prompt solution of the dispute.

Fighting has continued on the Peru-Ecuador frontier since the armistice was announced last Saturday.—Reuter.

ping at Benghazi during a raid on Monday night by R.A.F. heavy bombers.

Two R.A.F. planes are missing from the latest operations. — Reuter.



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By BUD FISHER



LUCKY 13 WHO LEFT THE HOOD

One little party, at least, in the British Navy does not consider No. 13 always unlucky.

They are thirteen members of the crew of H.M.S. Hood, who a few days before she was due to sail were transferred to a shore establishment for a course.

NORTH CHINA "FREEZING"

The Netherlands and British India have been included in a list of nations whose assets have been frozen in North China.

A declaration to this effect was made by the Japanese consulate-general in Peiping yesterday. — Reuter.

LEBANON AND SYRIA INDEPENDENCE

ESTABLISHMENT OF the new regime in Syria and Lebanon following the departure of the Vichy authorities has raised a number of political problems.

Various solutions have been suggested in political circles in Damascus.

The relationship between Syria and Lebanon and between these two territories and their Arab neighbours also had to be settled. It is thought that a congress of politicians from Syria and Lebanon will be held to discuss possible solutions and their conclusion will be laid before the Allied authorities.

Meanwhile, the policy of the Allies in Syria was defined by General de Gaulle in a speech to a large gathering of Syrians in Damascus.

The time had come, he said, to discuss conditions for the sovereignty and independence of Syria and to settle the terms for a sincere alliance.

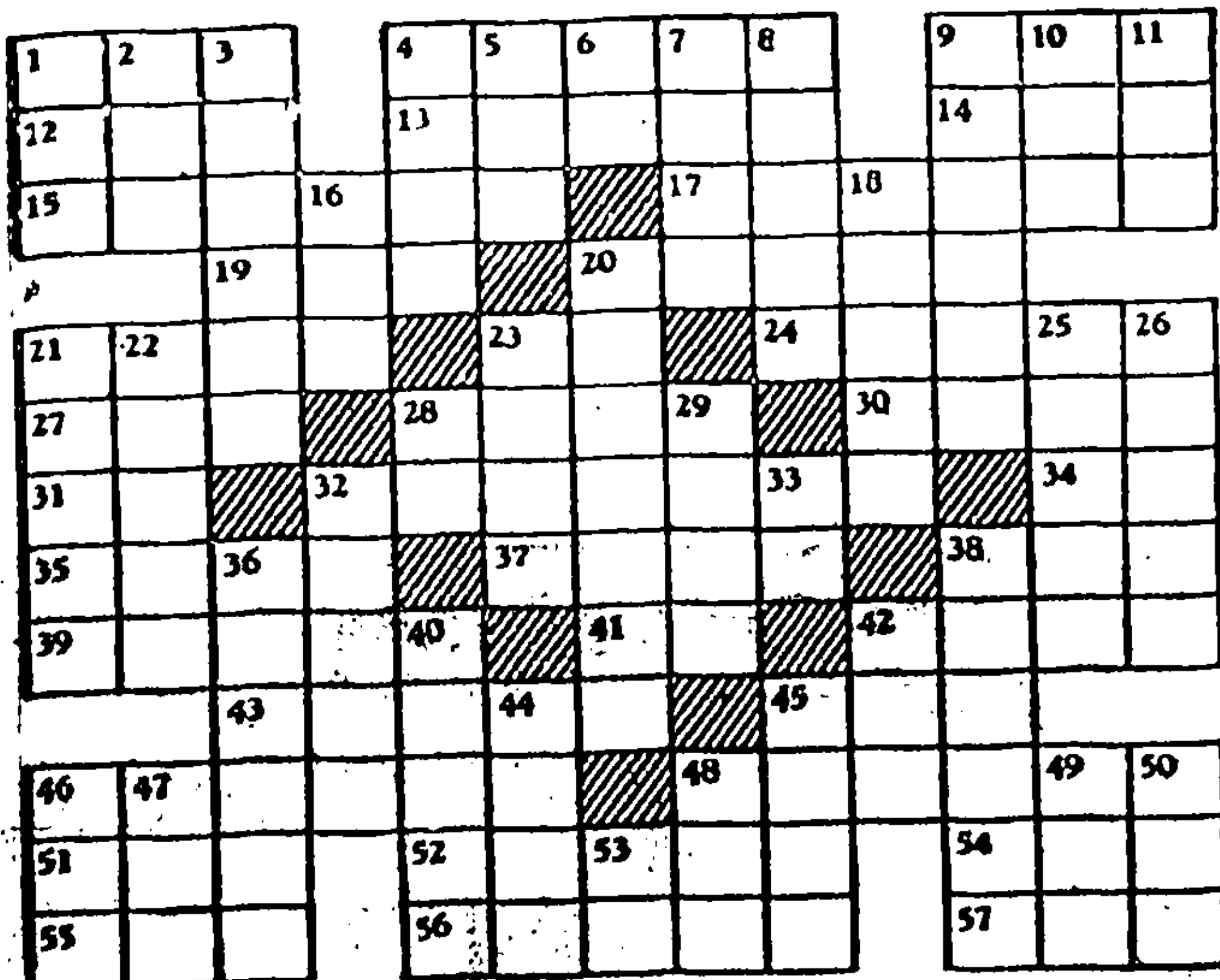
Strategic Move

General de Gaulle spoke of the links between the real Syria and the real France, and said the Allies entered the country for strategic reasons to prevent the establishment of a regime that was a form of modern slavery.

Recalling the British Government's statement repudiating all political aims in Syria, he declared the simultaneous action by the Free French and British would strengthen the independence of Syria and Lebanon from the Tigris to the Mediterranean.

He added that the war against the Axis was going in favour of the Allies and signs of total victory were already appearing on the horizon. — Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 Fabulous bird
- 4 Place of combat
- 9 Dutch weight
- 12 Confusion
- 13 Mephistopheles
- 14 Swiss canton
- 15 Bicycle with two seats
- 17 To annoy
- 19 Water barrier
- 20 Long wooden seat
- 21 Footless animal
- 23 Symbol for iron
- 24 Implements
- 27 Sailor
- 28 Branches of learning
- 30 Grails
- 31 Conjunction
- 32 County administrative officer
- 34 Sift
- 35 Tidy
- 37 Ancient Irish capital
- 38 Numeral
- 39 Ancient chariot
- 41 Archaic article
- 42 Archaic you

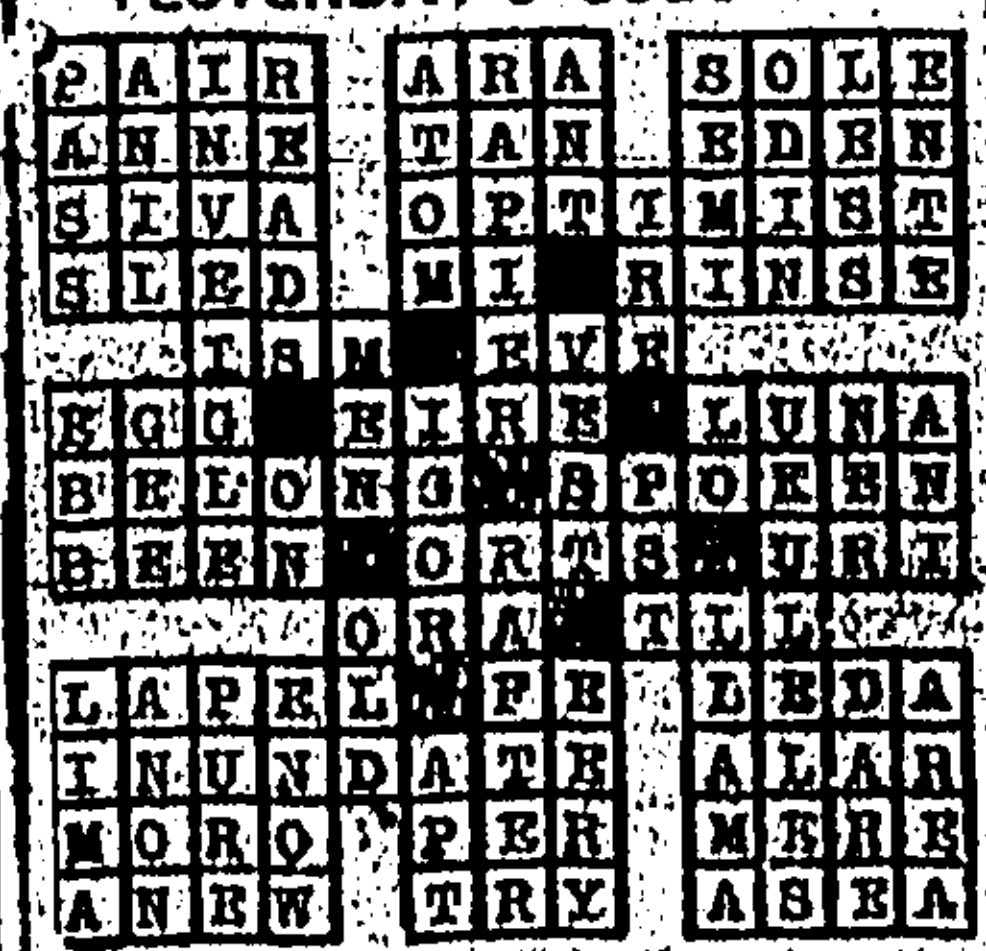
VERTICAL

- 1 Rodent
- 2 Room in a harem
- 3 Large vulture
- 4 Ancient alloy
- 5 Butting animal
- 6 Latin conjunction

7 Back of the neck

- 8 About
- 9 Creator
- 10 Part of "to be"
- 11 Russian commune
- 16 Colloquial: father
- 18 To make fun of
- 20 Reveals unintentionally
- 21 To make amends
- 22 To worry
- 25 Embankment
- 26 French river
- 28 Interjection
- 29 Father
- 32 To guide
- 33 Note of scale
- 34 To take for granted
- 35 Treatises
- 40 Challenges
- 42 Weight
- 44 Hindu peasant
- 45 To tangle
- 46 Monk
- 47 Brim
- 48 Mineral
- 49 Large deer
- 50 To place
- 53 Hence

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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An ordinary able seaman, Billy White, is the screen's newest star, writes Reg Whitley, "Daily Mirror" Film Critic.

He makes his highly successful twenty-minute documentary film made by the Crown Film Unit. Acted entirely by a cast of actual seamen—they found Billy White aboard a ship returned from China—it is a real-life drama of a convoy.

Has His Revenge

Billy joins a ship which is mortally hit, and is rescued by lifeboat "I'll get my own back," he says.

So he joins another ship, takes up a gunnery course, makes a perilous voyage through a mine-field and then spots a U-boat.

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NEW STORY OF THE BISMARCK

NAZI SURVIVOR SAYS 'TO HELL WITH HITLER'

(By Kenneth Hord And Archer Brooks)

BISMARCK, GERMANY'S "UNSINKABLE" PRIDE, SPLIT IN TWO, FLAMING LIKE A TORCH FROM STEM TO STERN, HEeled OVER AND SANK WITH THE FLAG OF NAZI GERMANY TRAILING IN THE WATER FROM HER BROKEN MAST.

Her end came less than ten minutes after the first of H.M.S. Dorsetshire's three torpedoes struck the battle-scarred warship abaft the bridge.

As she plunged under the gale-whipped waves, the 500 survivors of her crew were flung into the sea. The ship which had sent the Bismarck to her doom rushed in to snatch them from death.

Many were saved. But rescue work had to be stopped when the ship received warning that submarines might be near and she must get under way.

The story was told us when a British warship arrived in a British port.

Men on this ship said the Dorsetshire sighted the Bismarck at 9.2 a.m., when the two vessels were about ten miles apart. The Bismarck opened the engagement with a slight salvo from her 16in. guns. The shells passed overhead and the Dorsetshire replied with twenty salvos from her 8in guns. The scrap was on.

Her Brain Smashed

The Rodney was blazing away at the enemy warship from another quarter, and soon the Bismarck was on fire forward.

One salvo from the Dorsetshire carried away the Bismarck's control tower.

Her brain had been smashed. It took the German almost ten minutes to change to local fire control.

In the lull the Dorsetshire raced in, pounding away full blast with her 8-inch guns. She fired 284 rounds altogether.

Then two torpedoes shot away from the Dorsetshire. When they struck, the German ship heeled to port.

Her British opponent slipped around to attack her from the other side. One torpedo was enough. Almost before it struck her funnels were awash. As it landed in her hull the mighty ship was shattered.

"To Lofly"

She split in two. The British seamen on the attacking ships could see daylight through the gaping hole amidships.

Then, as one of the two halves heeled over the rest of her crew scrambled for foothold on her slippery hull.

Two minutes later, with fountains blown up by spurts of escaping air, she sank. The "unsinkable" was gone.

Helping in rescue work was Lofly Hughes, officers' cook. Hughes showed us an encyclopaedia a survivor had autographed for him, with his name and the inscription: "To Lofly."

"I fitted him out with some of my gear, and this was the only way he could think of to repay me."

When the survivor was brought on deck he seemed a broken man. "The war is lost now" was his despairing comment. But after food and a hot bath he became quite talkative.

So high were the waves that the captain's binoculars were unusable within two minutes, and the midshipman of the watch and the captain's messenger were kept hard at work cleaning spare pairs for him.

Surprise For Huns

All the German prisoners were astounded at the speed of the British warships' fire.

One man cringed as a British seaman approached him with a rope to fling overboard. He thought he was going to be flung.

The greatest surprise the Germans got was the hot meal of beef and vegetables, suet dumplings and whisky-stiffened tea they were given while their clothes

were being dried.

For four days and nights while the British were hunting them they had scarcely any sleep and lived chiefly on coffee and black bread.

One British ship picked up eighty officers and men. Nearly half were badly bruised through being thrown against the Bismarck's steel walls when the British shells hit her.

U-Boat Peril

One had a fractured arm dangling. It was amputated and blood transfusions given.

But the man had lost too much blood. He died. Covered with the German Imperial ensign—there was no Nazi flag on board—he was buried at sea.

The firing party discharged a volley, his comrades brought their arms up in a Nazi salute.

Of 500 Germans seen struggling in the water not more than 280 were rescued.

"We might have saved another 200," said Chief Petty Officer L. R. Cocker, of Tavistock. "If we had had time to stop. It was terrible to see the poor devils floundering about, but what could we do?"

"We had to choose between stopping to rescue them and letting one of their submarines send us to the bottom. We chose to save ourselves and I don't think anyone will blame us. We threw rafts overboard."

"The prisoners we got were nearly all punch-drunk with gunfire. They had had a terrible pasting for several hours and did not know whether they were coming or going."

"What will the Fuehrer think of us now?" one officer was heard to ask.

"To hell with what he thinks," said another. "We're safe; that's all that matters."

Had 500 Cadets

A British officer said many of the prisoners had joined the German Navy only last year. On board the Bismarck were 500 cadets.

Prisoners said the Hood— which blew up two minutes after being struck—several times hit the Bismarck with salvos of her shells.

"We sank her with our fourth salvo," one declared.

One gunner said: "The old man's just been itching to have a smack at the Hun. We were on convoy duty when word came to go after the Bismarck."

When the ship had tied up the captain mustered her company and congratulated them on their bearing in action.

Twenty-four Bismarck survivors were landed. Two were wounded. One British rating was also brought ashore—the only British casualty landed.

FATAL SOUVENIR

A German pistol, souvenir of the last war, is believed to have caused the death of Hugh Baxter (18), of Pine-grove, Monton, Lancs. Baxter was in his garden with a 16-year-old companion when a shot was heard. He was wounded in the chest and died shortly afterwards. The pistol is believed to be one loaded to an Eccles War Weapons Week exhibition.

O.B.E. FOR LT. COL. R. D. WALKER

A telegram has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to say that His Majesty has approved the award of O.B.E. (Military) to Lieut. Col. R. D. Walker, M.C. This award was published in England on July 1, 1941.

DRIVER, DYING, SAVED HIS TRAIN

Mortally wounded when Nazi raiders swooped down and machine-gunned a passenger train between two towns in the South of England the driver, Percy Goldsack, stopped his train, and with the assistance of his fireman, Mr. W. Stickells, also wounded on the footplate beside him, backed to the safety of a nearby station.

Driver Goldsack died shortly afterwards in hospital, to which he was taken with Stickells and a passenger named Loudon.

After their attack on the train the raiders swooped south-eastwards out to sea with Spitfires in hot pursuit. All the planes were last seen flying low over the water as they disappeared from sight.

Both Mr. Stickells and Mr. Loudon, who were shot in the foot, are progressing satisfactorily.

CHINESE CREDITS FROZEN

AN ORDER FREEZING THE ASSETS IN HONG KONG OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA—AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT—WAS PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. Issued after the closing of bank business, the Order follows lines similar to that against Japan and Japanese dependencies, except that it becomes effective as from July 30, and permission is given to bankers and others to make and accept any payment in this Colony to or from persons in this Colony.

SOLDIER, SAILOR . . .

After four years in the U.S. Navy, Joseph Archer, of Butte, Montana, was discharged. He returned home—and found that he had been called up for service in the Army.

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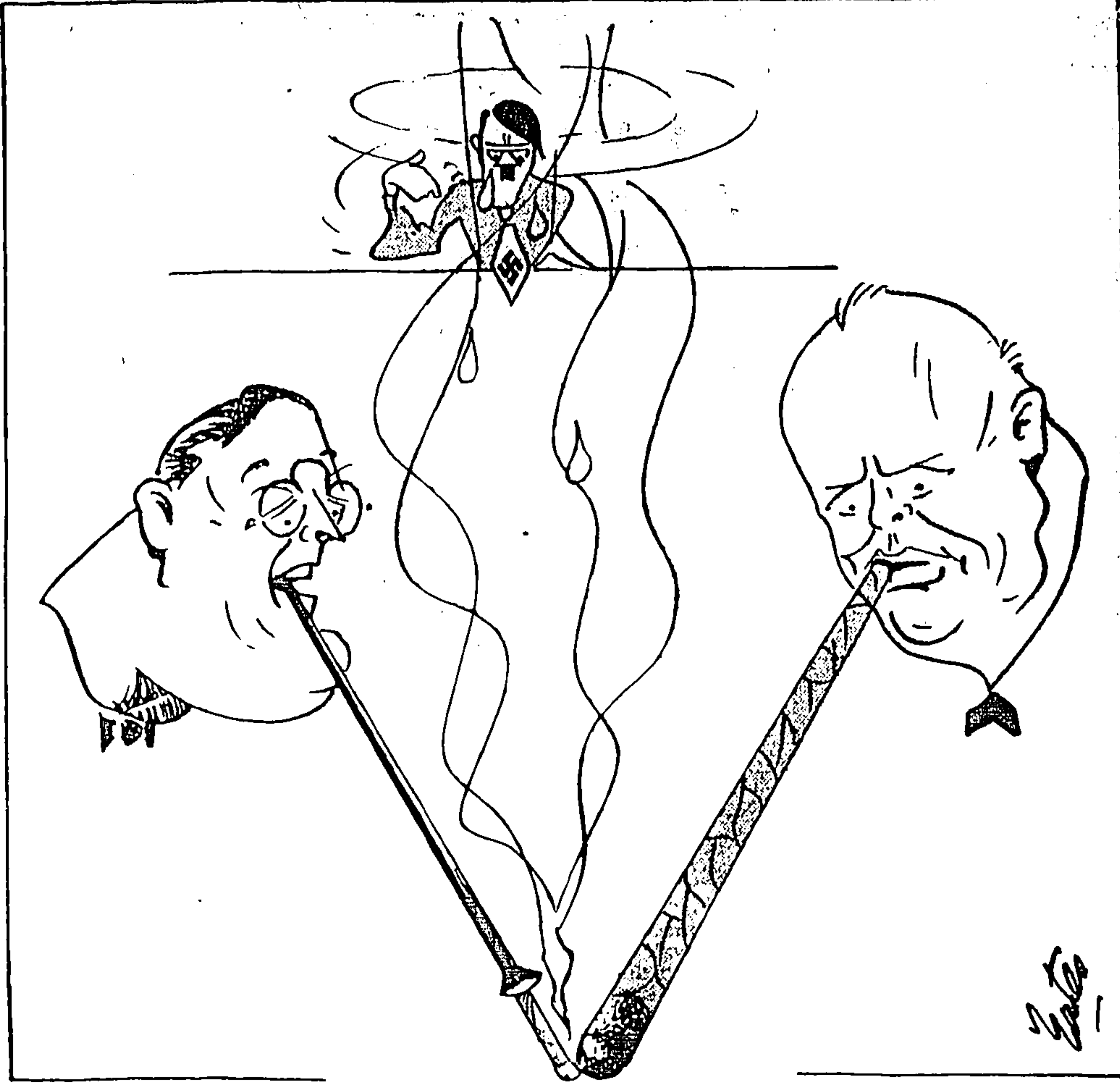
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BEHIND THE FRONTS

The first wave of the Nazi attack on Russia is spent, and as the second phase develops in a fog of heavy silence on the German side it is perceived that there are three main fronts in this sinuous struggle, unfolding like a colossal cobra from Murmansk to Kishinev. The first is only an imaginary line traced between three or four widely separated points, which the blitzkrieg barely touched as it broke against the outer defences of the Stalin Line. Apparently the Russians have held these forward thrusts and made counter-thrusts of their own, resorting to stratagems and tricks, the injured Germans complain, to draw the innocent invaders on and stab them in the back.

Behind these thin spearheads, in a vast field including a segment of Russia proper and all the territory the Soviets acquired in the deal with Hitler, great battles are still being fought. Here, in the "rear" that is the most active front, Russians and Germans say they have trapped hundreds of thousands of troops. This second front is of many sectors, of armies pushing forward and sagging back in a grand confusion of perpetual and often unrelated movements. In all these far-flung engagements, incalculably costly on both sides, there is as yet no clear decision, but the Germans do not conceal their disquiet at the unexpected strength of the Red Army's resistance and the quantity and quality of its equipment. Hitler made a desperate gamble on the crack-up of Soviet power. He seems to have failed to evaluate a force older than communism, more instinctive than the cult of Stalin—the attachment of the peasant masses to "Mother Russia," the incoherent but cohesive force of Russian patriotism?

A third front lies behind both lines. Stalin mentioned it when he made a reference in his broadcast to "diversionists in the rear." Hitler recognised it for the first time in his war proclamation when he accused the Communists of working to undermine the Third Reich from within, and reports from Germany relayed through Stockholm tell of widespread arrests of suspected Communists extending to the Nazi



JOINING UP FOR VICTORY.

Why Britain Cannot Be Defeated

Whether a civilian wants his country involved in a war or not does not necessarily afford clear indication of how he will conduct himself, being in it.

To the soldier, of course, war may come as a welcome relief to the monotonous exercises of peace time, so that he girds himself for the task with a certain grim satisfaction. He may not believe in the value of war very much, but on the other hand, he is a member of a profession that regards the subject as a science and he knows that the many theories he has studied will have to be tested sooner or later. Therefore, he has little doubt that he will give a good account of himself as he fits a soldier and a patriot.

But with the civilian it is different. When war breaks out, he knows he is bound to see much that he has striven for in the way of improvement, both in production methods and the social condition of the workers swept ruthlessly away. Increasing costs are going to bring about a lower standard of living, transportation and other facilities will be greatly restricted, the younger and more promising members of the staff will be called up for military service, and profit will be taxed almost to vanishing point. He will not have the satisfaction of wearing a military uniform and no one will acclaim him as the saviour of his country.

That is how the civilian's outlook may normally be summed up, but to-day it is different.

To-day in England the civilian finds himself in the line with the soldier, and shocked though he may be at what he would normally consider an outrage, he nevertheless feels that in this "total war" his status as a patriotic citizen has taken on a much more imposing aspect than in the past. He no longer plays the part of the timid and shrinking noncombatant, but accepts the new call that is being made upon him without hesitation, and even with a certain amount of pride. He sees the menace to the free institutions and to all the traditions and customs and societies for which he has striven and he realises that he can and must play his part in their defence.

His value to his country lies not in any latent military zeal that he may possess because of

his lack of training; but that he should prove his ability to carry on with his own job and maintain his equilibrium in circumstances of more than ordinary difficulty is of the utmost importance. The civilian in Britain to-day is well aware of all this. His knowledge in times of peace the wheels of industry are highly lubricated, and everything conceivable is done to facilitate and expedite the normal processes of trade involved in the production and interchange of commodities; but that in time of war innumerable obstacles begin to appear and the resulting friction may cause the wheels to rotate very stiffly, if

By Centurion

not to stop altogether. Transportation, too, is of vital importance to the whole community and nothing which is not absolutely necessary to the well-being of the nation as a whole should be allowed to slow down the wheels.

This applies also to cultural activities such as music, art, drama and literature which give employment to a great many, and which to some people are as necessary as the air they breathe. All these things are the veritable life blood of the nation and while the heart of the nation may, in time of war, be the principal concern of the Army, the circulation of the blood and the free exercise of its normal function is very much the concern of the civilian. It is, therefore, a matter of great interest and importance to observe the conduct of the civilian and to see how he is shouldering these opportunities of maintaining the national services under the severe strain of total war.

Cause A Vital One

"All our crowds have been proud of being under fire of the enemy," said the Prime Minister of Great Britain in a recent radio-cast, "old men, little children, the crippled, the veterans of former wars, aged women, and the ordinary hard-pressed citizen or subject of the King, as he likes to call himself, the sturdy workman who swings hammer or loads a ship, the skillful craftsman, the members of every kind of A.R.P. service, are proud to feel that they stand in the line together with our fighting men when one of the greatest causes is being

fought out—and fought out it will be, to the end."

We naturally inquire then why are all these civilian types and many more besides "proud" of being brought into the arena of warfare, from which normally they would shrink.

Partly no doubt it arises from an almost religious conviction that the cause for which their country contends is one in which every citizen has a vital stake. The British Empire, they feel, is not the arbitrary dictate of a single individual. It has grown, or evolved itself out of the common sense and the good nature of the English people, who have always preferred committees to dictators, elections to street fighting, and well-regulated debate to revolutionary tribunals.

They know that they could never accept the alternatives which defeat would impose upon them, and therefore given the leadership which the circumstances demand, they have as Mr. Churchill says, shown a certain pride in the measure of the self-surrender that they have been called upon to make for their country's sake. Doubtless the same phenomenon would appear in all countries where democratic institutions have come to be regarded as the only true way of life.

Christian Model Accepted

It may be true to say that the British people are not religious in the ordinary accepted sense, but it certainly is true that there never has been an age in which more people were struggling, with varying success, to live up to the highest ideals that are in them, and to try and better the conditions of the people among whom they live.

Many of these people hardly think of themselves as Christian, and yet they have accepted the Christian character as their model, because in the long run it is the only model that defines and sustains to the full the democratic ideal of life.

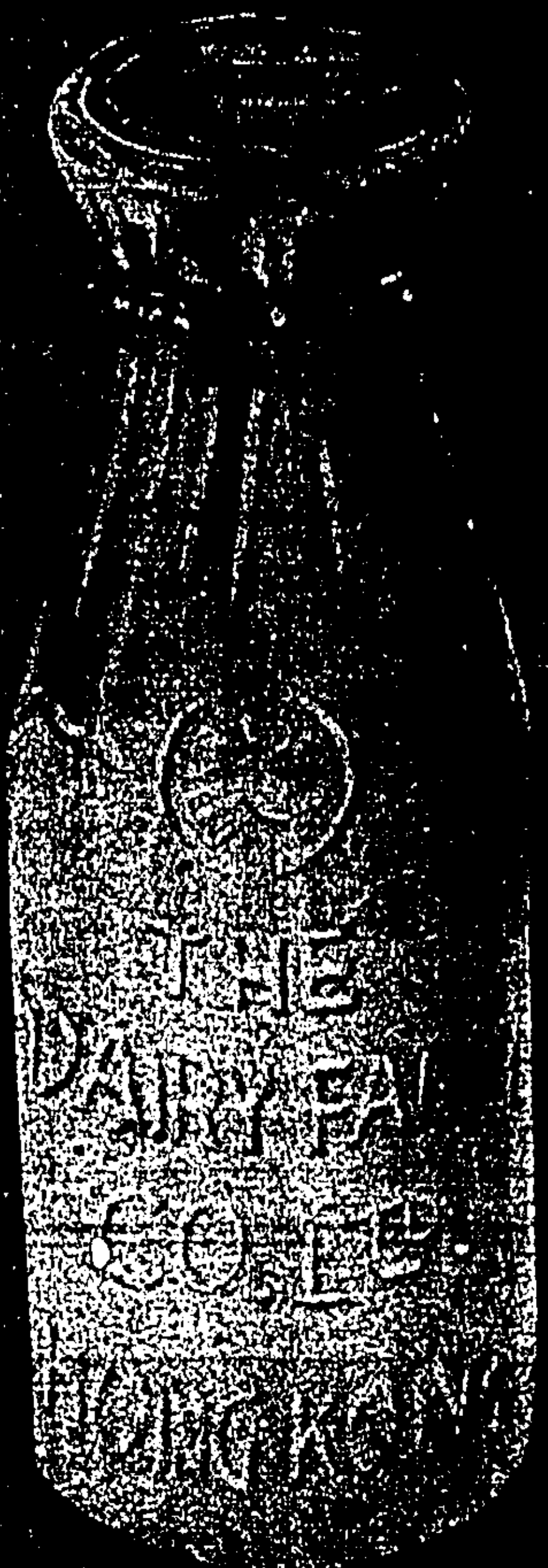
How then are the British people in all the different walks of life, reacting to the stress and strain of total warfare brought right up to their very hearthstones?

An unexpectedly fitting answer may be found in the words of a cockney charwoman who when asked if the people in her neighbourhood, which had been severely bombed, had been upset by it, replied, "Oh, no, they took it all in good part." But of course the Englishman does not like being bombed; who would? He just feels that his material well-being must now be subordinated to higher considerations—and he tries to make the best of it.

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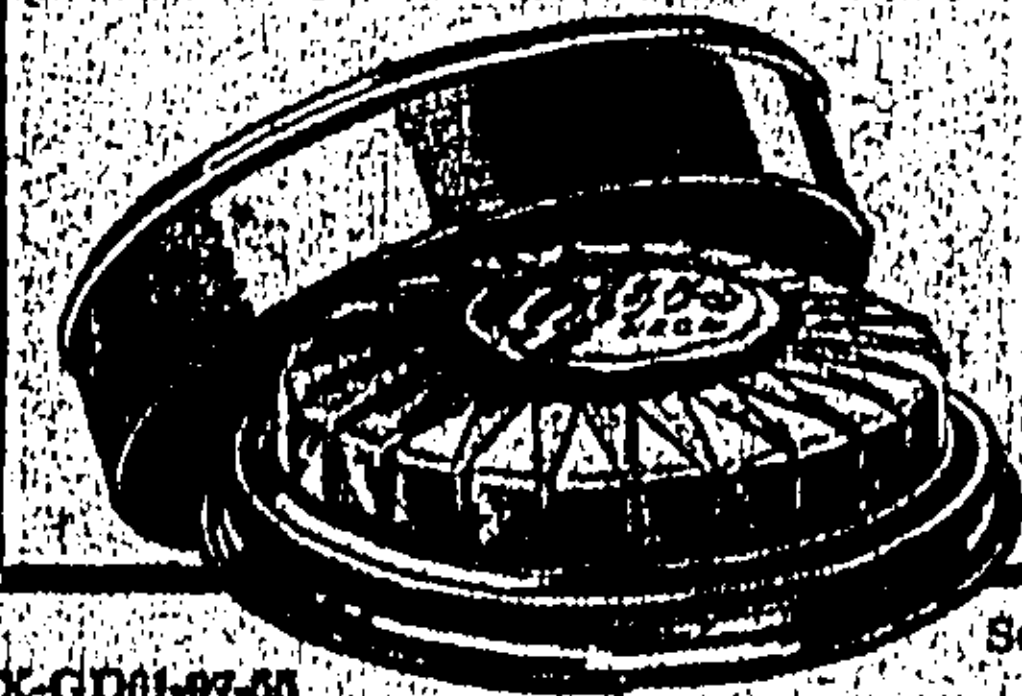
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RUSSIAN WAR ANALYSED BY EXPERT

(By Col. Casado, Spanish Military Commentator)
A FEW WEEKS AGO TWO OF THE MOST POWERFUL ARMIES IN THE WORLD FACED ONE ANOTHER IN A VIOLENT STRUGGLE: THE GERMAN PREPARED FOR AN EXTENDED AND DEEP OFFENSIVE, THE RUSSIAN ORGANISED AND INSTRUCTED FOR FLEXIBLE AND AGGRESSIVE DEFENCE.

This substantial difference in their theories imposed a distinct strategic and tactical procedure which gave the struggle a singular and disconcerting appearance.

The first phase of the war on the German-Russia front has finished. An impartial and objective analysis of military facts now apparent permits us to draw lessons and to form a few conclusions therefrom.

The form in which operations have developed allows one to understand the methods of tactical action by both armies.

The German High Command tries by all methods to encircle its adversary with the object of grinding him between the powerful claws of its military machine. This method of action, which complies with the theory of the German, tallies with the necessity of destroying the Russian army rapidly. Conquest of ground, including vital objectives, has a secondary value for the German army, and it is not venturesome to think that deep advances constitutes one of its greatest anxieties.

Dynamic Defence

The Russian High Command—to judge by facts—adjusts its action to the development of an aggressive and dynamic defence in which the principal role is played by partial and combined counter-attacks: massive and persistent action by the air force on the enemy's aerodromes and mechanised columns; and the extension of extensive plans of destruction and sabotage brought about by organised skirmishers (guerillas) in the rear of the German army.

That is to say that the directive of tactical and strategic action by the Russian Command may be defined thus: To produce the greatest waste by the enemy on the ground, and preserve at all costs the capacity to resist, even when it has become necessary to yield large expanses of territory.

Results Studied

In order to appreciate the greatest or less efficacy of both methods of action, let us analyse the results of operations hitherto carried out: It is evident that the German Command has profited by the effects of strategic surprise; but it is no less certain that this benefit has been remarkably nullified by the tactical action of the Russian army—an action which surprised the opposing command.

The main offensive action (which culminated in the double battle of Minsk and Bialystok), in spite of surprise clashed against a well articulated defence, strongly reinforced and cleverly led, a defence which fulfilled its specific mission since it inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and gained the time necessary for the main bodies of its army to adopt and command positions.

Secondary offensive actions (Finland and Bessarabia), in spite of repeated attacks, were paralysed before tenacious resistance.

Soviet Position Better

Analysis of the result of the struggle induces us to formulate the following conclusions:

1. Notwithstanding the considerable volume of forces and materials used, and the great losses suffered by both belligerent forces in the struggle, this first phase must be considered solely as "large scale covering operations."

2. The German advance, 150 miles in the first week, 100 in the second week, and 53 in the third

week, indicates an emphatic limit of its capacity for penetration, brought about solely by the fighting capacity of the Russian army, whose comportment has brought out in high relief the worth and spirit of its troops, the volume and quality of materials and, above all, the efficiency of its tactics against lightning war (Blitzkrieg).

3. The German High Command has said that the first phase was completed in order to adopt attacking dispositions for the great battle and to standardise the flow of supplies which must be very unsettled as the consequence of devastation and sabotage by the enemy in the rearward zone of its army.

4. The Russian army in the second phase will be on very much more favourable terms, on ground strongly organised in depth and supplied by shorter and stronger lines of communications. On the other hand, the German army will commence action on more unfavourable terms, since it will have to work on the basis of huge losses in the defence of positions and its own supply line will be longer and weaker.—Reuter.

HORSE CURE FOR CROSSED EYES

Harry Brown, of Broadus, Montana, has found a cure for people with crossed eyes, but he doesn't recommend it.

Cross-eyed for 35 years, Brown was kicked in the face by a horse.

His nose was broken, but some time later, says the B.U.P., his eyes straightened.

HANKOW INCIDENT

IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY SIR J. S. WARDLAW-MILNE ASKED MR. EDEN WHETHER HE WAS AWARE THAT THE ENFORCED CLOSING DOWN, AT THE INSTANCE OF THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES, OF THE ONLY BRITISH NEWS AGENCIES IN HANKOW—REUTER AND THE "CENTRAL CHINA POST"—WILL HAVE THE RESULT THAT LARGE AREAS OF CENTRAL CHINA WILL IN FUTURE DEPEND FOR NEWS ON AXIS SOURCES ALONE.

In reply, Mr. Eden said he appreciated the point raised and that a report had been called for, which had not yet been received.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne: Will Mr. Eden consider carefully whether there are any measures we can take to prevent this stoppage of publication of British news in China?

Mr. Eden: I entirely agree. That is why I have asked for this report, to see what steps we can take.—Reuter.

BATTERED SHEFFIELD PLANS NEW CITY

(By Campbell Dixon)

Two savage, concentrated attacks have left the city of Sheffield with two large shopping areas burned out and a great number of suburban houses flat or damaged. They have also left the people of Sheffield angry, as resolute as any I have met, and resilient enough to be planning for the future.

"I have never seen a finer exhibition of self-sacrificing work by ordinary citizens and paid A.R.P. workers," said Mr. E. B. Gibson, the A.R.P. Controller; and nowhere are there more stories of devotion to duty.

There is courage, too, in the vision of things to come. Mr. W. G. Robinson, of the Town Planning Committee, wants "decency and regeneration," with zones for heavy and light industry and housing.

Mr. B. A. Moss, the Chesterfield Surveyor, plays the candid friend in demanding "a new Sheffield which will make its citizens proud instead of ashamed."

Blind Men Tackled Fire

Some of the raid stories were heroic. I heard of a policeman working five hours among blazing ruins and women ambulance drivers making journey after journey through bombed and burning streets. Three blind men put out a fire with a stirrup pump, and learned later that they had used whitewash instead of water.

Other incidents were touching as well. A woman who might have filled her arms with possessions carried instead, four shivering children. There

was Yorkshire humour, too, perhaps a trifle grim. "No need to wait for the manager to come and open the door," said one of a dozen shopgirls looking at a smoking skeleton.

Official Kindness

It is pleasant to be able to record an instance of official benevolence of a rather unusual kind. A working girl who was to have been married lost her trousseau. Distracted, she appealed to the Council of Social Service, and she was given not only a new outfit but a wedding breakfast as well.

Commercially, Sheffield's losses have been heavy; historically, it had little to lose. The city's oldest inn, the King's Head, has been destroyed. So has the Angel (1680), from which Sheffield's first mail coach set up on its furious six-day journey to London.

The two chief blitzes offered a stern test of character and of organisation. Sheffield came through the character test with first-class honours. Critics say the organisation just about deserves a pass. There have been complaints of chaos in the bus and tram services and delays in repairs caused by contractors putting their men on to non-essential private work.

PRES. ROOSEVELT GIVES WARNING OF INFLATION

PACIFISTS IN U.S. MUST "GO TO IT"

This is what happens to conscientious objectors in the United States who are sent to work instead of military camps, says a B.U.P. report.

They work whatever hours are set by the camp directors and are subject to call day and night for emergencies.

SLUMP IN SHELTER USERS

A census taken this month shows 104,990 people are using public shelters and 556,000 domestic shelters compared with 470,200 in November last year and 2,140,000 while approximately 12% of users of public shelters are children, stated Alderman Charles Key, M.P., Special London Regional Commissioner.

The position of shelters in London at the present moment was incomparably better than it was at the beginning of this year.

There was, now sleeping accommodation in the London region shelters for 1,277,000 and for 3,495,000 in domestic shelters. In tubes where there were 23,000 bunks a gradual decline in the number of persons using them as shelters had been noticed and the last census showed there were 26,000 people using them—lowest since heavy raiding began.

Mr. Key added that with few exceptions the local authorities had now completed plans for providing canteens in shelters holding 200 persons or more and for the installation of power points in all shelters regularly used by 50 or more persons.

There were 188 medical aid posts in large shelters and 69 serving groups of smaller shelters, 24 welfare councils or committees had been set up and more were being formed.

Sanction had been given the appointment of a number of shelter welfare officers.—British Wireless.

ALL ITALIAN EAST AFRICA CONQUERED

First official announcement that the whole of the Italian East African Empire has now been conquered is made by the Foreign Office and War Office. They state that "the whole of the territories formerly known as Italian East Africa, are areas of occupation of His Majesty." The Board of Trade have accordingly issued an order authorizing the resumption of trade with persons within this area.—British Wireless.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a message to Congress yesterday, asserted that inflationary price increases were threatening to "undermine our defence efforts" and asked Congress to authorise him to establish ceilings for prices and rents.

"We face inflation," declared the President, "unless we act decisively without delay."

The President also asked authority to purchase materials and commodities when necessary to assure price stability and to "deal more extensively with excesses in the field of instalment credit."

While refraining from seeking authority to limit wages, the President's message said he expected the voluntary contribution of labour to prevent labour costs rising abnormally.

"Labour has far more to gain from price stability than from abnormal wage increases, for these are likely to be illusory and quickly overtaken by sharp rises in living costs, which fall with particular hardship on the least fortunate of our workers and our old people."

Rent Profiteering

Regarding rents, the President said that despite the steps taken to assure adequate billets, barracks etc. for defence, the nation was already confronted with rent increases reminiscent of Great War days.

He added: "This is a development that must be arrested before rent profiteering can develop to increase the cost of living and damage civilian morale."

A Bill to carry out the President's requests is expected to be introduced in both Houses shortly.

Congress Divided

Congress is divided on the question of price-fixing. Some senators have threatened to oppose limits on agricultural prices and only on Tuesday the Senate approved a bill preventing the marketing during an emergency of Government stocks of wheat and cotton.

Another group of congressmen have advocated the control of wages on the grounds that wage increases have increased manufacturing costs resulting in higher prices.

President Roosevelt in his message said the Government was now spending over \$30 millions daily on defence and this rate "must and will increase."—Reuter.

AID TO CHINA DOLLAR

The freezing of Chinese and Japanese assets by the democracies can be interpreted as an effective measure to put China's currency position on a firmer basis, says the "Kung Sheung Daily News," leading Chinese financial daily in Hong Kong.

What has troubled China most is that she, with the Anglo-American stabilisation fund in her hand, could not "feed" the Shanghai market with foreign exchange. To do this, would have meant to let the Japanese have exactly what they wanted.

Now the Shanghai banks, by virtue of the "freezing order," can refuse to sell foreign exchange to the Japanese, while they can sell to legitimate Chinese merchants with the approval of the authorities, the paper points out.

This can save for China a lot of foreign exchange.

If this aim is achieved, it is reasonable to believe that commodity prices in Shanghai will show a downward trend—that is to say, the national dollar will show an upward trend, the daily predicts.

"PILOT X" TALKS TO MINERS

"Pilot X," captain of the Catalina flying-boat which spotted the Bismarck, talked about his exploit to 1,500 miners at a pit-head at South Kirby, Yorkshire.

The pilot visited the pit as the result of a message of congratulations on sinking the Bismarck sent by the miners to the Admiralty. He told the "Daily Mirror" that he himself was brought up in a mining district of Northumberland.

He also visited the pits at Hensworth and Action Hall, belonging to the same company.

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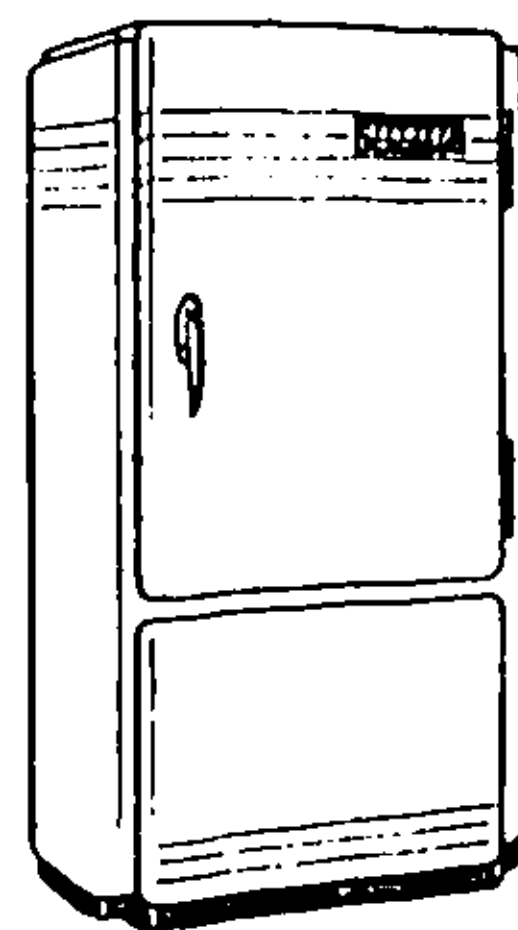


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BRIDGE NOLES

TOO MUCH BIDDING

By The Four Aces

"Is it ever right to bid a Grand Slam when a finesse is needed to make it? We did that," a Chicago reader sorrowfully writes, "and the finesse didn't work. Please tell us whether that was just hard luck or whether our bidding was unsound."

South, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

NORTH		EAST	
♠	K 10 9 7 3	♠	6 2
♥	A 6	♥	10 9 5 2
♦	A J 10 6 2	♦	K 8 7 3
♣	7	♣	6 4 3

WEST		SOUTH	
♠	4	♠	A Q J 8 5
♥	K Q J 7 3	♥	8 4
♦	9 5	♦	Q 4
♣	10 9 8 5 2	♣	A K Q J

The bidding: South West North East
1♠ 2♥ 3♥ Pass
4♠ Pass 6♠ Pass
7♠ Pass 8♠ Pass

It is not right to bid a Grand Slam when you know a finesse will be needed to make the contract. An unsuccessful Grand Slam loses not only the few points scored by the opponents, but also the score you could have made for a successful Small Slam. The gain for the Grand Slam is set; the loss for the Small Slam is not.

It's true, nevertheless, that experts will occasionally bid a Grand Slam in which a finesse is needed. But the finesse could not be predicted during the bidding. The expert's reasoning was: "This contract ought to be an absolute lay-down; and only at worst will I need a finesse." Such a Grand Slam is not at all unreasonable.

As to the hand in question, we think that North did too much bidding. His bid of three hearts over West's overall was a Slam try in itself. Having announced that he was interested in a Slam, North could then relax and leave the rest to South. Over four clubs, North should have bid only four spades — or, at most, five spades. Then South would have bid six spades and all would have been satisfactory. But when North showed control of hearts, exceptional spade support, plus a willingness to play for twelve tricks even if South had only a fair opening bid which included the club Ace—when North showed this optimism South was justified in thinking that a Grand Slam was an absolute lay-down.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠	7 8 2	♥	8 4
♦	A Q J 7 6	♣	K 8 3

The bidding: Schenken Jacoby You Moler
1♠ Pass 2♥ (?)

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. You have a fairly strong hand and can well afford this exploratory response.

Score 100% for two diamonds, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 782

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Moler
1♠	Pass	2♥	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CANADA'S BIG 'PLANE CONTRACT ON TIME

ON AUGUST 1, NEXT, a substantial contract for Hawker Hurricane fighting 'planes, which was placed in Canada a few months ago, will be completed on schedule, according to the current rate of production. This represents the output of one key plant, with a coordinated subcontract arrangement, states the "Wall Street Journal."

For an industry which has been literally built from the ground up in a period of two or three years this, coupled with the growing output of training fighters and bombers in other plants, is a reasonable index of the progress to be made in 1941.

It means in this case that Canadian effort will add more than 50 squadrons of Hurricane fighters this year to a fleet which has been in the fore-front of Britain's defence.

Since the outbreak of war more than 1,300 military aircraft have been produced in Canada in a dozen plants, the locations of which extend from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. The present rate of production is approximately 40 'planes per week. Aircraft being manufactured include bombers, fighters and trainers, powered with engines imported from the United States and England.

What Constitutes The Industry

Canada's aircraft industry today comprises largely of firms ordinarily engaged in the manufacture of rail equipment and in steel fabrication, plus the producers of commercial machines in normal times. A branch of an important United States airplane builders, an assembly concern set up by six Canadian 'plane manufacturers, and a Government-owned company now round out the industry.

New construction and the adaptation of existing plants have provided additional facilities which currently are being further extended. Training schools operated both by individual manufacturers and by the government are providing reserves of skilled labour.

The needs for greater standardisation, a speed-up in the supply of materials and component parts, and increased efficiency by employers remain the main problems of the industry.

Before the year-end the largest expansion programme for the manufacture of aluminum and its finished products undertaken in the British Empire in any like period will be contributing an increasing supply to Canada's already large output of materials vital to aircraft production.

Shipbuilding Activities

Canadian shipbuilding and drafting rooms are beginning to hum, and they are likely to continue for some time turning out mosquito boats, corvettes, minesweepers and other craft to supplement Canadian naval services. Since the outbreak of war, an addition has been made of more than 187 naval craft of all descriptions from destroyers down-wards.

The Canadian shipbuilding industry is embarked upon a programme of ship construction which involves an expenditure of \$300 million. Additional orders are in prospect sufficient to boost the overall cost to \$420 million. Realisation of the increased schedule would ensure capacity operations by all Canadian shipyards through 1944.

The industry is expending rapidly, and has now completed more than half of a programme

representing an outlay of \$120 million. Facilities are being enlarged to permit an immediate start on the building of a fleet of standardised cargo ships to cost \$180 million. Plans are under way for the extension of this merchant vessel programme to around \$300 million.

The \$120 million naval schedule comprises the construction of some 266 ships and over 400 small craft. Of the former, 92 have been delivered or launched and by the end of this month 50 more will be in the water. The output of small boats is close to 50 per cent. completed.

The changing course of the war has shifted emphasis upon the need for merchant vessels, and the Canadian cargo shipbuilding programme involves the production at a dozen yards of 100 standardised cargo boats at a cost of around \$1,800,000 each. It is expected that 20 of these vessels will be completed and in service by the end of the present calendar year, with the balance to become available during 1942 and early 1943.

The number of workers employed in seventeen major and 45 smaller yards now totals over 20,000 compared with 1500 at the beginning of the war 20 months ago.

With a single exception, the cost of expanding shipbuilding capacity is being included in the construction contract price, and title to the enlarged facilities will remain with the builders. Under the provisions of special legislation, however, depreciation upon such war-time plant enlargement may be written off over a period of three years.

Steel Plants

The steel plants of Nova Scotia and Ontario are operating well beyond rated capacity, with output reaching for new records. In the forging plants production has in many cases advanced 150 per cent. or more, and backlogs are still climbing. The industry is in fact booked up six to twelve months ahead at current production. A system of priorities now assures a supply of forgings to essential war industries.

Textile plants have embarked on heavy schedules, supplying barracks and camps, as well as a multiplicity of clothing fabrics and other military supplies.

Across the Dominion, power plants are loading lines to record electricity peaks, and, in many instances, starting to harness new energy to the war machine which is being built.

Shells, small arms, chemicals and explosives are not products which lend themselves to much publicity. There will be ten such government plants in full operation in 1941.

There have been delays, bottlenecks and shortages of skilled labour but they bear a diminishing relation to the national plant. Outputs are showing formidable increases here and the tempo is mounting rapidly.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Air-Light Cosmetics

Cosmetic firms are getting down to a real science in presenting beauty aids which are light as a feather in weight and which can be packed in very limited space.

For face and hand washings for instance (which are frequent during any travel) there is a magical, transparent wafer which dissolves into a soap-like agent when moistened and not only removes all soil, but leaves your skin smooth and soft and faintly scented. Twenty-five of these marvellous cleansers come in one slim disc, and twenty-five discs take up not more space than an ordinary jar of cream. Soap enough for a summer's journey.

Other cleansing aids which women adore are those compressed bath sponges or cloths. They come in small discs which swell into fairly large cloths when thrown into the bath water. Once used they are discarded, which eliminates packing the partly dry wash cloth.

Lotions Too, Condensed

Between little foil squares come flannel cleansing cloths already saturated with a very efficient cleansing lotion. Two of these cloths are adequate for giving a dusted face a thorough cleansing before putting on fresh make-up.

Last summer, but late, creams were introduced in capsule form — creams for dry skin, oily skin and normal skin. A puncture



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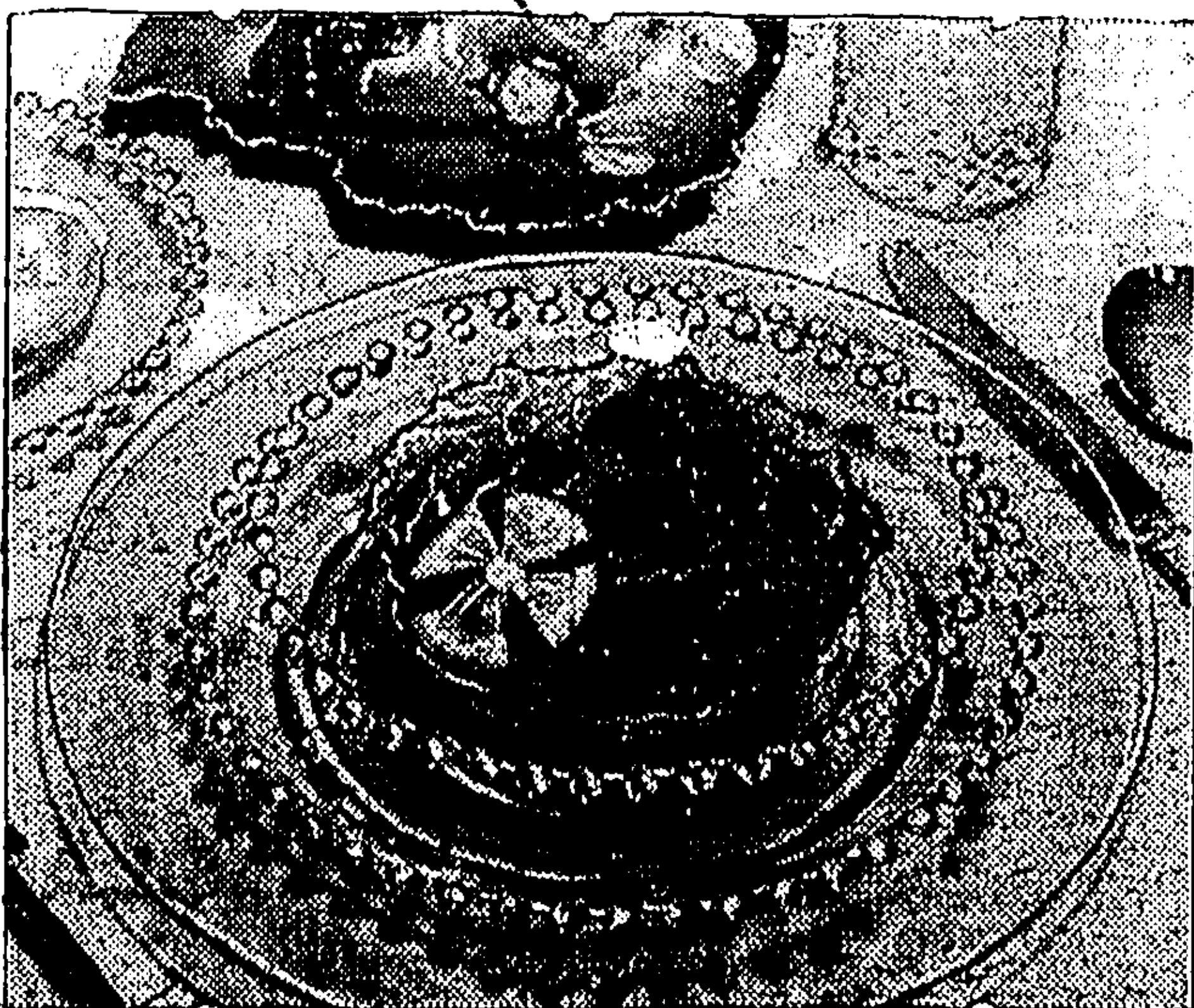
would release sufficient cream for a thorough treatment. In capsule form too comes a most nourishing and softening preparation made from papaya which is recognised as the era's greatest skin aid. A month's supply is packed in the slimmest of boxes and you are assured skin nourishment and soothing — no matter how you battle the elements.

Tissues And Fragrance

Sheerer than a spider's web are some face tissues which come

six packages to the case, and what a delight they are to use. They consume less than half the space of ordinary tissues and give one a lovely sense of luxury when being used.

And if carrying fragrance has stumped you let me suggest one of these tiny atomettes which are easily filled with your favourite perfume and are definitely leak-proof. It takes a pressing of one end against your dress or skin to release the precious liquid and you may carry it in suitcase or handbag with the greatest of assurance.



JELLIED SOUP

By Dorothy Greig

Jellied soups look so cool that the mere sparkling sight of them on the table is refreshing. Their delicately edgy flavour delights, too.

In beginning a meal with jellied soup, plan to have something hot as the following dish because, of course, no meal should consist of all cold food. We need hot food, for good digestion's sake. Besides the contrast of hot food following the jellied soup steps up even further the enjoyment of both.

Nowadays serving jellied soup is no problem. Condensed consommé jells in the can when placed in the refrigerator; so do condensed consommé Madrilène and condensed consommé Primitif. Just whisk open the cans and tumble out the sparkling amber jelly.

But here's a little trick for those occasions when you feel a gala mood on the way. It consists of tomato jelly on the bottom of the cup and jellied consommé on top. The red shimmering through the amber of the consommé gives a truly enchanting two-tone effect.

Put it together this way:

For the Tomato Jelly:
3 cups tomato juice
½ lemon, sliced
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon gelatine (softened in ¼ cup cold water)

Combine tomato juice, sliced lemon, sugar and salt. Bring to boiling point and simmer for 10 minutes. Then strain over the softened gelatine, stir until gelatine is dissolved. Put in refrigerator and chill until stiff.

To serve: Fill chilled consommé cup 1/3 to 1/2 full of tomato jelly, then fill remainder of cup with jellied consommé Madrilène. Gay Accents for Jellied Soups.

After condensed consommé has been jelled in the can in the refrigerator empty it into a bowl and gently mix through it—
2 tablespoons of finely chopped tomato and 1 teaspoon chopped chives.

Or 1 tablespoon of finely chopped cucumber and 2 tablespoons tomato. Jellied condensed consommé Madrilène is another soup that

becomes something very special indeed when accented this way. After it has been jelled empty it into a bowl and mix through it—
3 tablespoons of finely chopped fresh tomato.

Or 4 tablespoons of finely chopped avocado.
Or 2 tablespoons of chopped cucumber. Serve these soups in chilled cups with a wedge of lemon or lime.

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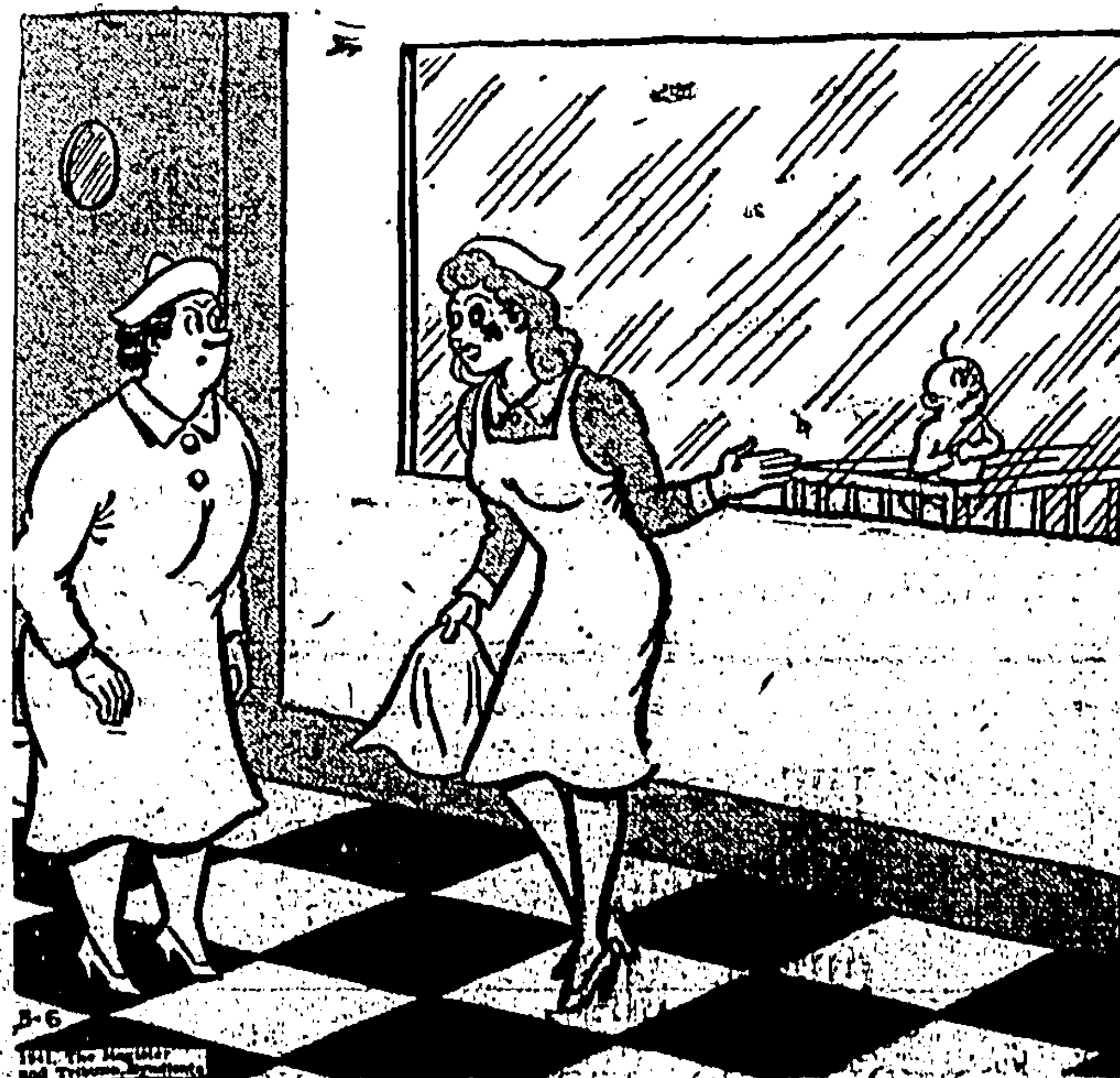
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12.15 p.m.—A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Clapham & Dwyer in Variety.

Bell & Organ—General Boulanger—March (Desormes)... Joe Green & Milt Herth.

Descriptive Sketch—Another Day's Broadcasting (Clapham & Dwyer)...

Clapham & Dwyer with Effects.

Mandoline—Mazur (Borowski)... Banjo—Keyboard Kapors (Steele)... Mario de Pietro.

Vocal—My Fine Feathered Friend; You're A Sweetheart (from the film—McHugh, Adamson)... Gret Keller with Orchestra.

Vocal—Have You Anything on Tonight, Maude Darling? (Gilbert)... Billy Cotton & his Band.

Humorous Sketch—A Spot of Fishing (Clapham & Dwyer)... Clapham & Dwyer.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuf. fms.

Farewell Blues (Rappiol, Marès & Schoebel) — You Rascal You (Theard), Muddy Waters (Trent, De Rose & Rithman).

Shing (Dabney)—My Sweetie Went Away; Sweet Jenny Lee (Donaldson).

That's A Plenty—Quick-Step (Polack); Someday Sweetheart — Fox-Trot (Spikes).

1.15 p.m.—Sidney Torch at the Organ. Hot Pipes—Intro: The Toy Trumpet; I'm Gettin' Sentimental Over You; The Snake Chamber.

Where Are You? (from film "Top of the Town"—McHugh).

The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down (Friend & Franklin).

Torch Parade—Intro: I Can't Love You Any More; I'll Never Smile Again; Until I Smile At You; Until You Fall In Love; I Hear Bluebirds; Fools Rush In; We'll Go Smiling Along.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Mozart Programme. Serenade in C Minor (C Moll) K. 388—1st Mov: Allegro; 2nd Mov: Andante; 3rd Mov: Minuetto in Canone & Trio... Arthur Fiedler's Sinfonietta.

O Loveliness Beyond Compare—The Magic Flute... David Lloyd (Tenor) with Sadler's Wells Orch. Fantasy in C Minor (C Moll) K. 396... Edwin Fischer (Piano).

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Half An Hour of Hill Billy Music.

It Ain't Nobody's Biz'ness What I Do (Browne & Others); Oh Susannah; We'll Rest At The End of The Trail (Poulton, Rose)... The Rocky Mountaineers.

The Hill Billy Band (Al & Bob Harvey); Susanna From Alabama (Ted & Ezra)... The Hill Billies with Novelty Accomp.

Home On The Range (Mr. & Mrs. William Godwin); The Last Round-Up (Billy Hill)... Hank Keene (Vocal) with Violin, Banjo, Guitar & Piano.

Memories Of An Old Cow Hand (Hill Billies)... The Hill Billies with own Novelty Accomp.

Down The Old Road To Home (Rodgers & C. Harvey); Prairie Lullaby (Hill)... Jimmie Rodgers (Yodler).

7.17 p.m.—Piano Duets by Moreton and Kaye.

Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 29—Intro: I Can't Love You Any More; I Haven't Time To Be A Millionaire; We'll Go Smiling Along; Mist On The River; Fools Rush In; Make Believe Island.

Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 30—Intro: Whose Little What's-It Are You?; Turn Your Money In Your Pocket; I'm Nobody's Baby; I'm Stepping Out With A Memory To-night; When The Swallows Come Back to Capistrano; Until You Fall In Love.

7.30 p.m.—"Hits" from the Shows.

"Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs" (Walt Disney film)... Chorus & Orchestra directed by Jay Wilbur.

"Spring Parade" (Robert & others)... Deanna Durbin with Charles Previn's Orch.

"Andy Hardy Meets A Debutante" — "I'm Nobody's Baby—Quick-Step"... Oscar Rabin & his Band.

"Down Argentine Way"—Two Dreams Met (Gordon—Warren)... Kenny Baker with Orchestra.

"Irene"—Alice Blue Gown—Waltz (McCarthy—Tierney)... Glenn Miller & his Orchestra.

"The Road to Singapore"—Sweet Potato Piper (Burke—Monaco); "Typhoon"—Palms of Paradise (Loesser—Hollander)... Dorothy Lamour & Orchestra.

"Rhythm On The River"—Only For Ever (Burke—Monaco)... Al Bowlly & Jimmy Mesene with two guitars.

8.00 p.m.—London—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra.

Jota (De Falla); Spanish Serenade (Glazunov, arr. Kreisler)... Fritz Kreisler with Piano.

Persian Dances (Moussorgsky, arr. Rimsky-Korsakov)... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

Dancing Doll (Poldini—Kreisler)... Fritz Kreisler with Piano.

Triumphal March (from "Caractacus" Op. 35—Elgar)... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by L. Collingwood.

Liebesleid (Love's Sorrow); Liebesfreud (Love's Joy)... Fritz Kreisler with Piano.

8.50 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Popular English Songs. Widdicombe Fair (Arr. Jacob); Richard of Taunton Deane (Arr. Molloy)... Stuart Robertson & Male Chorus with Piano.

Jock The Fiddler; The Ballad-Monger; Fairings; Come To The Fair ("Songs of the Fair")... Percy Heming (Baritone) with Orchestra.

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**POLISH GIRL
STABS NAZI**

A seventeen-year-old Polish girl has been sentenced to death by a German military tribunal at Lodz for killing a German soldier during the Nazi invasion.

Details of the trial—which appears to have been staged in a deliberate attempt to fan German feeling against the Poles—are given in the "Ostdeutsche Beobachter."

The girl, it is alleged, meeting two German soldiers, killed one of them by stabbing him in the neck with a bayonet while his back was turned.

Over 100 Nazi officials watched the girl as, without flinching, she received the death sentence, says Reuter.

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Broadcast to Evacuated Families in Australia.

9.45.10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.

The Clock and the Dresden China Figures (Ketelbey)... Ferdie Kauffman & his Orchestra; The Skaters—Waltz (Gung'l)... Marek Weber & his Orchestra; Sweet (Young)... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.

10.00 p.m.—London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—New Dance Music and Variety.

Vocal—Good-morning, Sergeant-Major (Noel, Pelosi); Bless Them All (Hughes, Lake)... Lew Stone & his Band.

Vocal—De Campdown Races (Stephen C. Foster); Dolores (from film "Las Vegas Nights"—Alter-Loesser)...

"Bing Crosby with the Merry Maes & Bob Crosby's Bob Cats.

Swing Fox-Trot—All The Things You Are; Brother Jack... Hatchett's Swingtette.

Vocal—Ain't It A Shame About Mame; I Don't Want To Cry Any More (both from film "Rhythm on the River")... Mary Martin with Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—The Little Man Who Wasn't There; Drummer Boy (from film "Strike Up The Band")... Bob Crosby & his Orchestra.

Vocal—Johnson Rag... The Merry Maes with Orchestra.

Swing Fox-Trot—Twelfth Street Rag... Hatchett's Swingtette.

Vocal—The Swiss Bellringer... Bebe Daniels & Ben Lyon with Orchestra.

Swing Fox-Trot—Beat Me, Daddy, Fight To A Bar... Hatchett's Swingtette.

11.00 p.m.—London—"War Correspondence".

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

Everything seemed to happen. The front gunner was wounded in the foot. The starboard engine was badly damaged. The radio was knocked out. The undercarriage flopped down. The bomb doors swung open. The pilot's cockpit filled with smoke.

A sheet of flame four feet long flared out where a gasoline feed pipe in the wing had been hit by a cannon shell.

Apparently confident that the bomber was nearly finished, the German plane closed in twenty yards. The Wellington's rear gunner fired a 200-round burst and the Messerschmitt went into a spin.

But the Wellington's trouble was just starting. She was over the Netherlands at the IJsselmeer (Zuider Zee) at 13,000 feet. The pilot headed for the nearest British land.

Flames raged in the wing. A crew member knocked a hole in the fuselage and pumped an extinguisher at the fire, but the propeller blast blew the chemical away. Then the crew tossed coffee on the flames, but the fire raged on.

The pilot turned the controls over to the navigator and climbed out on the wing. He kicked a hole in the upper surface to hold on to and tried to beat the fire out.

"Once or twice," he said, "I thought I was going."

Finally he stuffed the cockpit cover into the hole the flames were coming from and it seemed to smother them.

"All the time," he said, "I kept thinking it would be prison camp for us."

Over the North Sea the crew jettisoned the front guns, ammunition and all flares. It took an hour and a half to cross to the English shore.

When the bomber was still ten miles from England the gasoline line flared again, but suddenly died out. The pilot flew on and the radioman repaired the wireless outfit. When the plane reached a strange British aerodrome he sent the message: "We have been badly shot up. I hope we don't mess up your flare path when we land."

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John Martindale Iago could not get home. He was fighting for his country — a naval lieutenant.

So he wrote to his fiancée, Miss Dorothy Castle, of Belsize Park-gardens, London, suggesting she should buy the engagement ring.

She got the letter on a Friday. She went to the jewellers and chose a ring.

Next day came news of the sinking of H.M.S. Hood. John Iago was an officer aboard her.

On Wednesday the announcement of his engagement to Miss Castle was published.

Order Not Cancelled

Later there was another announcement—

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: Iago, On May 24, 1941, Lieutenant (Electrical) John Martindale Iago, A.C.G.I. B.Sc. (Eng.), R.N.V.R., H.M.S. Hood, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Iago, Gerrans, Crofters Road, Northwood, Middlesex. Age 25.

But John Iago will still give his fiancée the ring he asked her to wear. The order has not been cancelled. And it will not be.

George Sharman, said to be the youngest petty officer in the Navy, was among others lost.

Three survivors have been landed at Reykjavik, Iceland, says Reuter. They are Midshipman Dundas, Signaller Briggs and Seaman R. Tilburn.

£5 MAY BUY A MANSION

Would you like to speculate a liver? That is the "upset" price placed upon the mansion of Ardeaton, near Cove, on the shores of Loch Long, which will be offered for sale at the end of this month.

There are three reception-rooms, a billiard room, seven principal bedrooms, three dressing-rooms three bathrooms, servants' hall, four servants' bedrooms, complete domestic offices and entrance lodge, two outer houses and garage and stabling accommodation.

The grounds extend about 12 acres, including lawns, vegetable gardens, orchard, wooded hill-side, "etc." There is also a private jetty and boathouse reached by underground passage from the lawns. Among the trifling snags, however, is the fact that the assessed annual rental is £110 and the annual feu duty over £89! It is also possible that the selling price may reach something above the upset price of £5. Still, it's nice to think about!



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100 Daily Farms @ \$19
200 Watsons @ \$10¼

TRIANGULAR SWIMMING MEET ON SAT.

Chinese Bathing Club, South China Athletic Association and Hong Kong University have arranged a triangular swimming gala for Saturday next at 7.15 p.m. at Chinese Bathing Club, North Point, in aid of the Chinese Medical Relief Fund.

Following is the programme:—
Men's 50 Metres free-style.
Men's 100 Metres breast-stroke.
Ladies' 100 Metres free-style Invitation Relay.
Men's 200 Metres free-style relay.
Men's 200 Metres breast-stroke.
Men's 400 Metres free-style.
Diving.
Men's 150 Metres Madley.
Men's 100 Metres back-stroke.
Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke (Open).
Men's 100 Metres free-style.

MAJOR ON MURDER CHARGE

Major William MacKinnon Gray, 39, was at Radstock, near Bath, remanded on a charge of murdering his wife at Chilcompton. He was also charged with attempted suicide.

Government House, Sewing Centre of the B.W.O.F. will be closed on Monday, August 4, owing to the public holiday.

WASN'T JUST GAS

A man who was injured in a bombed shelter — his wife was with him at the time—damned Hitler and called for a 'plane as he came out of an anaesthetic.

These, according to Dr. Felix Brown, of Guy's Hospital, are some of the things he said:

"I'll get you out, Dolly—I can't use my left arm. Oh, if I had a spade; I can't shift this concrete. I'll get the others out or I'll die."

"I'll Teach Them"

"Damn old Hitler; if only I could get at the swine. Why can't I fit wings on my car? I'll teach them to bomb the girl and the kids. Never mind about me; I can take it. Blimey, if they gave me a 'plane."

Then he described experiences in the last war when he was sole survivor of a Mesopotamia expedition. Eventually he woke up, delighted to find that his injured arm was normal. He made a good recovery.

His wife was rescued from the shelter.

Dr. Brown tells the story in "The Lancet."

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The China Mail GETS INTO THE HOME

"Earliest with the Latest"

MR. YUEN YAU-SHUN EMBARKS ON NEW SOCCER VENTURE

PUI NGAI RECREATION CLUB, ONE OF THE NEW TEAMS TO THIRD DIVISION FOOTBALL THIS COMING SEASON, WAS FORMED IN FEBRUARY, 1940, WHEN MR. YUEN YAU-SHUN AND A NUMBER OF THE COLONY'S LEADING CHINESE MANUFACTURERS FELT THE NEED OF A CLUB TO CATER TO THE DEMANDS OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF FACTORY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO JOIN OTHER CHINESE CLUBS.

Mr. Yuen, who is trainer and manager of the Pui Ngai football team, has had considerable experience in this line, having previously been closely associated with South China Athletic Association, Kau Wa Association, Eastern Football Club and then the Kit Chee football team. He was also founder-member of Chinese Athletic Association, which, some years ago, was one of the leading First Division football teams in the Colony.

Talking about the tentative composition of the Pui Ngai team, Mr. Yuen said that the chances were that the team would be changed about considerably during the season.

"It is not the object of the club to win trophies. Nothing is further from our minds, though we will be out to do our best. Our real object is to give every playing member a chance to participate in the League, and for that reason I do not think we will do well from the 'matches won' point of view, though we will feel amply rewarded if, at the end of the season, Pui Ngai players can honestly say that they have played the game."

SIGNALS BEATEN AT LAST

Royal Corps of Signals, undefeated in 17 games in the Y.M.C.A. invitation Water-Polo Tournament, lost their 100 per cent. record yesterday when they were beaten by Navy "C" by two clear goals at the Navy pool.

Y.M.C.A. second in the table, failed to take advantage of Signals' lapse as they themselves were surprised by Royal Scots "A" and lost by the odd goal in seven.

These two results have now brought Middlesex "A" back into the running for championship honours.

Following were the results of games played yesterday:

Wilson (2)	2	Signals	0
5th A.A., R.A.	5	Small Units	3
Clarke, Robinson, Giblin, Yabsley and Molyneux		McDonald (2) and Knightley	
Wilson, Benn and May	3	Royal Scots "A"	4
Middlesex "A"	5	Royal Scots "B"	1
Jennings (2), Blundon (2) and Highland		Bankier	
36th R.A.	1	Middlesex "B"	6
Goodenough		Smith (4), Radly and Peacock	

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Signals	18	17	1	1	97	18	33
Middlesex "A"	17	14	1	2	90	19	30
Y.M.C.A.	17	14	3	0	85	22	28
R. Scots "A"	17	11	6	1	66	24	24
R. Navy "A"	15	10	4	1	55	33	21
R. Navy "C"	17	4	6	2	47	41	20
C. Small Units	17	8	8	1	46	58	17
8th Regt. R.A.	14	5	7	2	39	36	12
Middlesex "B"	16	8	10	1	35	58	11
5th A.A. Regt. R.A.	15	4	9	2	36	48	10
965th Bty. R.A.	16	2	12	2	28	79	6
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	40	5
36th Bty. R.A.	15	1	13	1	17	73	3
R. Scots "B"	16	0	15	1	16	73	1



R. K. Collings, left, and T. B. Low, who won the First Summer Fourstones of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at the Valley during the weekend.

SAPPERS' FOOTBALL STRENGTH

By "Referee"

Royal Engineers, newcomers to First Division of Hong Kong Football League are fortunate in that they will have the services of all the players who have done so well in Second Division for the past few seasons, while they will be strengthened by several new comers.

Among the new arrivals recently are some who have played in good circles at Home, among these being SIMPSON, a useful full-back or right-half, RUSSELL, who is equally at home at right-half as on the right-wing, CLARK, a goalkeeper, GRANT, a full-back, BOAG, a centre-forward, and FIELDING, a full-back.

These players have not yet settled down to local conditions, but it is expected that the majority of them will find a place in the senior team.

If Boag comes up to expectations, Sappers' forward line will be greatly strengthened as they will then be able to play Fox, their usual leader, at inside-right, and Pelham will probably be seen in his old position as inside-left.

Following was the Sappers' team which played in the last few matches of last season: Moxham, Palmer and Tang Chung-pak; Taylor, Shaw and Birrell; Li Wal-lum, Jones, Fox, Pelham and Chan Kum-poy.

Following have so far been registered with Football Association for the coming season:

T. S. Simpson, F. Russell, Moxham, French, Clark, Goss, McAndrews, L. Jones, Birrell, F. Jones, Grant, Sarfield, Waugh, Palmer, Shaw, Cork, Brown, Boag, Byers, Tropp, Taylor, Pelham, Spencer, Fielding, Hill, Glizean and Moore.

F. FOWLER NOMINATED CAPTAIN

The soccer section of Hong Kong Football Club held their last meeting of the season when officials and representatives on the General Committee were elected, for recommendation at the Annual Meeting.

It was decided at the meeting that the Club would be prepared to play a few games on Sundays if necessary, to relieve the congestion of fixtures, and an appeal was made to the junior players to do their best to turn out regularly so that the Second Division team would do better than last season.

F. Fowler was unanimously nominated captain of the senior team with A. Upton as vice-captain.

Following were the members nominated for recommendation at the Annual Meeting:

Senior Soccer captain: Mr. F. Fowler.

HONG KONG'S CHANCES CONSIDERED BRIGHT IN INTER-COLONIAL SHOOT

AS THE RESULT OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE MINIATURE RIFLE SECTION OF THE HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION, INTEREST IN SMALL BORE SHOOTING HAS INCREASED SO TREMENDOUSLY THAT THOSE IN CHARGE OF THE SECTION HAVE ALREADY ENTERED TWO TEAMS FOR THE 1941 INTER-COLONIAL SMALL BORE MATCH, ONE IN THE APERTURE SIGHT SECTION AND ONE IN THE OPEN SIGHTS.

The last time Hong Kong took part in the Inter-Colonial competition was in 1937, when to the surprise of most people, the Colony representatives finished 9th out of 17 entries in the aperture sights section.

In an interview with Mr. A. F. Evans, organiser and Hon. Secretary of the Miniature Rifle League, the "China Mail" learned that chances of a Colony win in the Open Sights are extremely rosy.

"The average score of the winning team in last year's competition was 84," Mr. Evans said, "and in the few League matches that we have had so far a good many scores of 80 or thereabouts have been returned. That is indeed an encouraging sign," he added.

Mr. Evans said that as the League progressed he expected to see better results, for with more practice in Small Bore shooting (which Colony rifle shots did not have much opportunity of indulging in to any great extent in the past), improvements were inevitable.

Mr. Evans said that teams for the Inter-Colonial matches this year would be selected from results in the League, the best shots in the aperture and open sights divisions to be selected automatically.

The 1937 Team

When the Colony took part in the match in 1937, the Hong Kong team comprised:

C. P. O. Pellow, Cpl. E. T. Morris, C. Watson, Sergt. C. R. Mannell, Cpl. R. Tonkings, Capt. F. G. Ratcliffe, Sergt. A. J. Crossman and Sergt. G. J. Perkins.

Although Mr. Evans is not taking an active part in the League at the present, being much too busy with the great amount of work involved in checking cards and other secretarial duties, he is a very keen rifle shot and in 1940 qualified for the Final 20 in the shoot for the Governor's Cup at the local Bisley Meeting.

Prior to coming out to Hong Kong in 1938, Mr. Evans had shot for the North Hull Rifle Club and Royal Air Force in Halton, Buckinghamshire. This is his first experience of running a Rifle League of any sort, and though more work was attached to it than he had bargained for, Mr. Evans said it was well worth the trouble as he had received wonderful support from all the rifle teams in the Colony.

SOUTH CHINA MAINTAIN 100 PER CENT.

Only two of the five game arranged for yesterday in Third Division of Lawn Tennis League were played, one of which resulted in South China maintaining their unbeaten record at the expense of Chinese Recreation Club (2).

The games between Army and Chinese Recreation Club (1) and Kowloon Tong and University were postponed owing to the unfit state of the ground while the remaining game between Kowloon Cricket Club and Craigengower was not played owing to Volunteer duties.

K.I.T.C. Win

At King's Park, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 5 sets to 4.

S. A. Hussain and Q. M. Khan (K.I.T.C.) beat A. M. Rumjahn and I. Kitchell 6-4 beat A. Rumjahn and M. A. Wahab 6-3 lost to M. P. Madar and A. R. H.

Esmail Dr. S. A. M. Sepher and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.) beat Rumjahn and Kitchell 6-2 beat Rumjahn and Wahab 6-2 beat Madar and Esmail 6-2 T. Tirth and Yacob Khan (K.I.T.C.) lost to Rumjahn and Kitchell 1-6 lost to Rumjahn and Wahab 6-7 lost to Madar and Esmail 0-6

Points For South China

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club (2) lost to South China by 6 sets to 3 in Third Division of the Tennis League yesterday.

T. C. Lu and E. Wong (C.R.C.) beat J. Hsu and H. C. Kwok 6-3 lost to K. H. Ip and S. Y. Li 3-6 beat K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong 6-1 K. C. Ng and Y. V. Lam (C.R.C.) beat Hsu and Kwok 6-0 lost to Ip and Li 4-6 lost to Chan and Wong 3-6 F. K. Lau and C. C. Chiu (C.R.C.) lost to Hsu and Kwok 4-6 lost to Ip and Li 5-7 lost to Chan and Wong 3-6

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Sets	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	6	0	0	0	41 1/2	12 1/2	12	12
A.T.C.	6	5	1	0	40 1/2	13 1/2	10	10
C.R.C. (2)	7	5	2	0	43 1/2	20 1/2	10	10
C.D.R.	5	4	1	0	31 1/2	14	8	8
C.C.C.	5	4	1	0	29 1/2	18 1/2	8	8
K.I.T.C.	5	3	2	0	26 1/2	19	6	6
K.C.C.	5	2	4	0	18 1/2	38 1/2	4	4
C.R.C. (1)	3	1	2	0	32 1/2	14 1/2	2	2
H.K.U.T.C.	6	1	5	0	17 1/2	38 1/2	2	2
K.T.G.O.A.	5	1	4	0	10 1/2	34 1/2	2	2
I.R.C.	7	0	7	0	13	50 1/2	0	0

Senior Soccer vice-captain: Mr. A. Upton.
Junior Soccer captain: Mr. A. Gratton.
Representative on Council of Football Association: Mr. J. Skinner.
Members of General Committee: Messrs. A. Watson and W. M. Thompson.
Selection Committee: Messrs. A. Watson, W. M. Thompson, F. Fowler, A. Upton and A. Gratton.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the probable teams:

P.O.R.C. (1) v. C.B.A.
J.R.C. v. I.R.C.
F.C. v. K.I.T.C.
S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C.
C.C.C. v. P.O.R.C. (2)
P.O.R.C. (1): J. Howlett and W. G. Morrison; D. Fitches and Y. S. Fung; S. S. Chiu and S. K. Chiu.
P.O.R.C. (2): C. I. Chan and T. M. Castilho; C. C. Lam and Lai Fat; K. W. Wong and T. F. Ho.
C.R.C.: K. M. Wong and K. C. Lai; C. N. Tsang and S. T. Ng; Lu Tak-lam and T. Y. Leung.
J.R.C.: B. Godkin and S. Ramler; A. R. Pollak and M. Talan; A. Odell and E. Whitcomb.
Filipino Club: K. K. Ip and B. Poon; T. S. Hsu and T. Koo; P. Poon and L. da Souza.
I.R.C.: D. A. Rumjahn and A. J. Suffad; G. Singh and M. H. Hassan; M. Hussain and M. J. Bazzack.
K.I.T.C.: K. S. Mehra and Y. J. Khan; K. Singh and J. Singh; J. Dad and Ramchand.

Panthers beat Cyclones by the only goal scored by Ward in a hockey game on roller skates yesterday.

Entries for the inter-school swimming meet, organised by Victoria Recreation Club, close to-day.

Denver University's Placers played seven of their nine grid-games at home next season.

Hal Schumacher of New York Giants has more on the ball than at any time since the right-hander chipped the bone in his arm three years ago.

ONE UPSET IN OPEN BOWLS ENCOUNTERS

The Colony Lawn Bowls Championship programme yesterday was made up of a Third Round Rinks match and two Second Round pairs games, highlight of which was the victory scored by K. M. Omar and S. R. Solina, of Craigengower C.C. over their club-mates, C. S. Rosselet and L. Gaddi.

In the other Pairs match E. W. Simmonds and F. Goodwin went down to C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares after an interesting game in which the winners scored a 5 which turned out to be the biggest count yesterday.

Another surprise was caused when the Stanley rink comprising W. McCarrach, G. V. McGrath, G. Foster and T. Pile beat W. K. Way, E. Zimmern, T. Lock and T. A. Madar.

Surprise Result

On the Police R.C. green, K. M. Omar and S. R. Solina beat L. Gaddi and C. S. Rosselet 28-16.

Both Rosselet and Omar had been on the unfit list—Rosselet with an eye injury and Omar with a bout of fever—and this was their first appearance on the green for a matter of a week or so.

It was not surprising, therefore, that neither of them produced their best form, though each in turn sent down an occasional good wood.

Rosselet, conceding a single at the 1st, notched up 2 0 1 2 1 4 to lead 10-2 at the 7th, and at this stage indications were that they would pull through to the Third Round. Omar and his partner, however, had other ideas, and a run of 2 2 5 4 1 gave them a lead of 16-10 at the 12th, after which they never looked back. They chalked up another round dozen at the last nine heads, allowing their opponents just half that total to make the final score 28-16 in their favour. They had scored at 13 ends. Scores were: C.S.R.: 0 2 0 1 2 1 4 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 K.M.O.: 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 2 5 4 1 0 3 0 1 0 1 2 1

Stanley Win

At Hong Kong Football Club, T. Pile's rink (McCarrach, McGrath and Foster) beat T. A. Madar's four (Way, Zimmern and Lock) by 28 shots to 8.

On the run of the play, Pile's rink were full value for their victory, each man pulling his weight to the extent of leaving the opposition very little scope.

Madar's four were by no means bowling badly, but it was just that the Stanleyites were always a shade better with their woods so that whenever the skips went down to bowl it was more a question of how many Madar could save rather than how many he could score!

In a rink where everybody played his part so well, it would be invidious to pick out any individual, but a special word of praise must be given for the way the Stanley front men laid the foundation for victory.

Pile's four jumped away to a match-winning start with 2 0 4 2 1 1 0 0 1 0 2 0 3 3 1 1 to lead 22-5 at the 17th, and a 3 at the next end proved Madar's last effort and a run of 1 3 2 by Pile brought his total to 28, scored at 15 ends.

W. McCarrach W. K. Way
G. V. McGrath E. Zimmern
G. Foster T. Lock
T. Pile (s) 28 T. A. Madar (s) 8

Recreio Pair Through

At Kowloon Football Club C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares beat E. W. C. Simmonds and F. Goodwin by 22-18.

Without detracting from their victory, the Portuguese pair were lucky to pull through as Simmonds was bowling much better than Silva at lead while there was very little to choose between the skips, but Soares definitely had what luck that was going and that, more than anything else, was the deciding factor.

This was particularly emphasised at the 10th end when Goodwin, leading 8-7, went down to bowl with the opposition lying 5. Goodwin tried to trail the jack; had he been successful his pair might have "lived to fight another day," but his last wood went through a port that was just wide enough for the passage of one, with barely a fraction of an inch clearance on either side!

Having thus established the lead for the first time, the Portuguese pair never looked back and though Goodwin and his partner fought every inch of the remaining 11 heads, Soares and his partner held out to win with 4 shots to spare after scoring at 12 ends. Scores were:—

F.X.S.: 1 0 0 0 2 1 1 1 5 0 2 4 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 1
F.C.G.: 0 3 2 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 3 0 0 3 1 1 0

South China beat Sing Tao 31-20 in an interesting game in the Basketball League yesterday, while National University beat Police 60-29.

South China A.A.—Chung Ling (14), Shek Chun-tat (10), Chow Kit-man (4), Shek Chun-chi (1), Ng Sun-chu (2). Sing Tao—Lo Chun-huen (13), Chan Si-hun (6), Chan Yu-ching (4), Lee Pui-chik (4), Leung Kwok-lok (3).

BOWLS LEAGUE CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

Kowloon Cricket Club are turning out the same team in First Division as the one that did duty for them last week when they lost, on aggregate, to Kowloon Docks in the Lawn Bowls League.

In Second Division, however, a few positional changes have been made. J. M. Jack will have the same rink, but L. Jack will be leading Capell, Overy and Fabel as compared with his team of Gray, Broadbridge and Overy last Saturday.

Meadows, who was skip to Capell, Fincher and Fabel last week, will have Gray, Fincher and Curtis as his front men this time.

Electric R.C. are making a few changes in their line-up for their match this week against Craigengower in Third Division.

One change is noted in Gardner's rink, in the No. 2 position, where Groome comes in place of McAlpine. Lunny will be leading Everett, Way and Owens as against his rink of Owens, Gahagan and Butler last week. In the third rink Paul will not be available as skip and that position goes to Butler, No. 3 to Lunny last week. He will have Stonehouse, Stoker and Barron in his side. Last week Paul led.

Hong Kong Football Club are making

no changes, at all in their bowls teams for this week-end. Last Saturday their Second Division team lost to Recreio, while their Third Division team beat Electric. This time they will be playing Hong Kong Cricket Club in both Divisions, the Second Division team at Happy Valley and the Third Division match at Chater Road.

Hong Kong Cricket Club are making only one change in their Second Division team—in Goodwin's rink, where Edwards comes in as No. 3 in place of Duncan, who is not available this week-end.

In the Third Division team there are a number of changes. Abraham will have Beddow and Ryan as Nos. 1 and 2 instead of Ryan and Doughty respectively, the latter going to the same position in Cassidy's four.

Hamilton retains Valentine as lead, but the "middle men" here will be Lambert and Monaghan instead of Owen-Hughes and Mitchell. The last named will be lead to Cassidy, who will have Doughty and McKellar as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively. The third rink last week comprised Monaghan, Shrigley, Cassidy and McKellar.

Following are the selected teams:

ELECTRIC

Third Division (v Craigengower C.C., home):—A. G. Everett, J. R. Way, R. A. Owens and J. F. Lunny (skip); W.

Stonehouse, W. Stoker, J. F. Barron and R. C. Butler (skip); R. F. Gregory, E. L. Groome, W. E. Macfarlane and A. G. Gardner (skip). Reserve: J. Roscoe.

KOWLOON C.C.

First Division (v Police R.C., home):—A. E. Perry, R. T. Broadbridge, W. Mulcahy and E. C. Fincher (skip); N. D. Lloyd, A. W. Smith, G. E. Taylor and N. J. Bebbington (skip); A. E. P. Guest, A. W. Ramsey, W. W. Parsons and T. A. Madar (skip).

Second Division (v Kowloon F.C., away):—A. C. Tribble, A. H. Maitin, R. Leigh and J. M. Jack (skip); R. S. Capell, H. Overy, F. A. Fabel and L. Jack (skip); S. A. Gray, E. F. Fincher, E. C. Curtis and R. S. Meadows (skip).

HONG KONG F.C.

Second Division (v Hong Kong C.C., home):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. Gelling, C. Needham and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (skip). Reserves:—C. Carr and A. McAlpine.

Third Division (v Hong Kong C.C., home):—T. H. Pearce, B. I. Bickford, G. E. Stephens, B. A. Mansell (skip); K. Forrow, J. M. Thomson, A. G. Gratton and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Ralston (skip).

HONG KONG C.C.

Second Division (v Hong Kong F.C., away):—S. L. Lloyd, J. C. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (skip); G. G. Aitkenhead, T. K. Rowell, R. A. Edwards and F. Goodwin (skip); R. R. Davis, E. Hospes, A. Nislin and A. W. Brown (skip).

Third Division (v Hong Kong F.C., home):—H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, H. F. Shields and E. S. Abraham (skip); D. J. Valentine, W. R. Lambert, T. C. Monaghan and P. J. A. Hamilton (skip); A. S. Mitchell, E. S. Doughty, A. McKellar and P. B. Cassidy (skip).

TAIKOO CLUB

Second Division (v Recreio, Home):—L. A. Gibson, D. Coull, C. Bovaik and J. A. Watson (skip); W. G. McKie, J. C. Pulson, R. Main and W. Melrose (skip); J. Nimmo, F. Thomson, F. Hilton and J. C. Chalmers (skip). Reserves:—W. Cunningham and A. MacArthur.

KOWLOON TONG

Second Division (v P. O. Club, away):—H. A. Castro, A. Madar, A. E. Castro and A. J. Kew (skip); N. A. E. Mackay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (skip); G. Gittins, M. S. Phoon, N. J. Howard and A. Spary (skip). Reserve:—J. Tang.

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SOVIET OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

The following communique was issued by the Soviet Information Bureau last evening:

"On July 30, our troops continued fighting the enemy in the Novorshnev, Nevel and especially stubbornly in the Smolensk and Zhitomir directions. In other directions and sectors of the front no important engagements took place.

"Our air force, in close co-operation with land troops, continued to deal blows to enemy tanks and infantry troops and to his aircraft on aerodromes.

"They also bombed Ploesti and Sulina where large fires broke out as a result of the bombing.

"On July 29 our air force, according to incomplete data, destroyed nine German planes. We lost five planes.

German Losses

"German troops operating in the Smolensk direction sustained heavy losses in men and equipment.

"A few days ago Red Army units completely smashed a motorised infantry regiment of Storm Troopers, the 'Great Germany,' which belonged to a division of special detachments.

"In fighting with a Red Army regiment, the Storm Troopers lost over 2,000 men and officers killed and wounded and several hundred prisoners, 30 sub-machine guns, 12 heavy machine-guns, 11 guns of various calibre, 14 anti-tank guns, many cars and much ammunition."—Reuter.

Service Of Japanese Loan Bonds

"SOMEWHAT ELASTIC REPRISALS" IS THE COMMENT OF THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" ON TOKYO'S REJOINDER TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN-DUTCH FREEZING.

Drawing attention to the Japanese announcement in New York that interest on sinking fund payments on dollar bonds will be continued, the newspaper says unofficial Japanese quarters in London have hinted that the service of sterling bonds will probably be maintained if sufficient trade is allowed for the accumulation of sterling balances.

The newspaper points out that only about £2,000,000 are required for the annual upkeep of payment to British holders, and Japanese financiers are anxious not to spoil the Japanese record for regular payment.

"THE NEW REGULATIONS DO NOT IN FACT BAR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TRADE ON A CASH BASIS, AND THE EMBARGO ON THE SUPPLY OF IMPORTANT RAW MATERIALS TO JAPAN DOES NOT YET APPLY TO OIL.

"Economic pressure has only begun and the Democratic Governments have not yet shut Japan's way of retreat.

Depends On Japan

"It depends on her actions whether the pressure will be increased to the point of slow strangulation."

All British newspapers draw attention to the fact that Japan is beginning to put the screw on Thailand in the same way as on Indo-China, with hints, complaints and radio allegations that Thailand is "threatened by the British."—Reuter.

JAPAN PUTS OUT A FEELER

(Continued from Page 1) AND THE URGENCY OF DEVELOPING JAPAN'S FIGHTING POWER ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS.

Military Problem

The Japanese are still heavily outnumbered by the Soviet armies in eastern Siberia and face considerable obstacles in any move southward from Indo-China. U.S. Government officials told pressmen in Washington yesterday.

Speaking on the basis of "detailed information from the Orient," they expressed the belief that Japan is forced by limited land and air power to adopt a waiting opportunist course.

Russian forces in the Far East are estimated to include some 40 divisions despite substantial withdrawals to fight the Germans in the West.

Japan is believed to have only about 14 divisions available in Manchuria and Korea.

The Japanese air force is estimated altogether at about 3,600 planes, largely out-of-date models, and the Russian Far Eastern fleet at about 2,400 prior to withdrawals to the European front.

Japan's Limit

Officials thought the bombing of Japanese from Vladivostok—a distance of about 750 miles—possible but difficult.

They gave 66 divisions as the limit Japan could equip, the forces fighting in China and threatening Malaya being included in this total.

It is considered that should Japan make any hostile move against the Dutch East Indies, Britain would promptly come in against her though the Indies themselves are capable of putting up a fair resistance.—Reuter.

U.S. Orders In Canada

The U.S. War Department has ordered \$16,346,840 worth of war supplies from Canadian manufacturers.

This is a new move to give effect to the Administration's announced policy of establishing the closest possible economic relations with Canada.

Contracts have been given to War Supplies Ltd. in Ottawa for British Link training planes and for rubber anti-gas gloves.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S NEW "SECRET" WEAPON

Raiding British aircraft, according to the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," are dropping over Germany imitation German clothes ration cards.

The newspaper says anyone using such cards will be sentenced to long imprisonment or death.—Reuter.

SOVIET SECRET WEAPON

The existence of a Soviet secret weapon was revealed yesterday with the announcement that Stalin had received its inventor, Kostikov, and expressed high praise of the new weapon.

The weapon has taken Kostikov and a group of engineers working under him three years to develop, says the Moscow newspaper "Pravda" announcing the success of the researches.

WITHOUT GIVING DETAILS "PRAVDA" SAYS THIS "NEW TYPE OF WEAPON HAS DISPLAYED EXCELLENT QUALITIES IN WAR CONDITIONS."

When Stalin received Kostikov, says "Pravda," he not only highly praised the new weapon but gave him new tasks and valuable advice for future work.

Kostikov, who has been given the title "Hero of Soviet Labour," has specialised in new types of armaments for the past eight years and recently evolved and put into practice 12 original designs.—Reuter.

a position to say what the outcome would be or what progress would become practicable during the continuance of the war.—Reuter.

CONSTITUTION OF CEYLON CHANGES

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES WAS QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY REGARDING THE POSITION IN RESPECT TO DISCUSSIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION OF CEYLON.

It was stated that the Secretary of State is still in consultation with the Governor, and that the Secretary of State was not yet in

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JAPAN'S MOTIVES CLEAR

However unpleasant the results may be for Japan she must now realise her latest aggression, in obvious complicity with the aggressor powers in Europe, has finally destroyed any illusion which may have survived about her intentions, says "The Times" on the occupation of Indo-China.

The newspaper adds that there seems to be some evidence for the theory that this surrender was not so much extorted by threat of force, as made by Admiral Darlan, if not voluntarily, at any rate without any great pressure, but out of his eager desire to curry favour with his German masters and make trouble for Britain and the U.S.

JAPAN'S MOTIVES ARE AS CLEAR AS DARLAN'S. SHE HAS NOW ACQUIRED A FIRST-RATE JUMPING-OFF PLACE FOR AN ATTACK ON THAILAND, BURMA, BRITISH MALAYA, THE PHILIPPINES AND THE NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

The direction of the next move, unless Japan is sharply pulled up before she is ready for it, will depend on circumstances.

Very Careful

If the outlook does not seem promising in the south, and if Germany succeeds in breaking the Russian army, Japan might be content merely to consolidate her hold on Indo-China and turn against Siberia, but she will be very careful not to jump in until Hitler has prepared the way for her.

She cannot afford to make the miscalculation Mussolini made last year.—Reuter.

DIPPING DEEP INTO RESERVES

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

According to the Oxford Institute, the Nazis are being forced to dip deep into their oil reserves by the Russian war.

The blitz may stall on account of oil shortage should the Russians hold out until the late autumn, the report of the Institute adds.

It claims that the total production of German-controlled Europe is 10 million metric tons. One-

Violent Russian Counter-Attacks Turn Positions

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

IN THE WAR'S BIGGEST AND MOST VIOLENT BATTLE, SAYS A MOSCOW HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE, POWERFUL RUSSIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS HAVE DISLODGED THE GERMANS FROM IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN THE SMOLENSK AREA.

The German drive in this region has been converted into a disastrous reverse and the threat to Moscow has, in consequence, sensibly diminished.

All along the line on the central front, the Germans have been uprooted from the established positions and driven back. Some of the German forces have been surrounded, but fighting is still proceeding and the situation is not yet stabilised.

KEITEL'S SON KILLED IN ACTION

The death of Lieutenant Hans Georg Keitel, youngest son of Field-Marshal Keitel, Chief of the German General Staff, is announced by the German news agency.

Lt. Keitel, who served with an artillery regiment, was killed in the fighting on the eastern front. — Reuter.

Interesting Nazi Report

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Berlin yesterday carried a report alleging that British and Russian planes, cooperating in action for the first time, took part in raids on German bases in Norway.

The report asserted that the British planes were operating from an aircraft-carrier in the Arctic Sea. — International News Service.

third is earmarked for civil defence and the rest for the military. — International News Service.

There has also been severe fighting some sixty miles to the south-west of Porkhov, in the Novorzhev region, where the Germans are trying to work round the flank of the Russian front at Porkhov.

In the Smolensk sector, German mechanised infantry and artillery have suffered severe losses, and it can be claimed, says Moscow, that the German drive on Moscow has met with a "serious setback." There are indications that the Russian attacks may develop into a large-scale counter-offensive.

Meantime, German circles in Berlin assert that German long-range guns are bombarding the skirts of Leningrad, and giving their own picture of the Russian counter-attacks declare that they were staged in an attempt to rescue "huge forces trapped to the east of Smolensk."

"Staggering"

The spokesman on this occasion hinted at the possibility of "a staggering announcement this week-end."

The spokesmen also stated that the men engaged in the great battle had now increased to 11,000,000 men.

Later.

M. LOZOVSKY ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT THAT THE RUSSIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS HAVE DRIVEN BACK THE NAZIS FOR 100 MILES AT SOME POINTS. LARGE BATCHES OF GERMAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN ENCIR-

NOT TO BE DRAWN BY GOEBBELS

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Admiralty has declined to comment on the German claims that a submarine "wolf-pack" made a brilliantly successful raid on a convoy carrying American war supplies to Britain.

It is indicated that a statement may be forthcoming shortly. — International News Service.

HOPKINS COMING EAST?

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Official silence is being maintained in Moscow regarding the purpose of the visit of Mr. Harry Hopkins, the administrator of the American Lease-and-Lend organisation.

He saw M. Stalin and M. Molotov soon after his arrival in the Russian capital.

He is accompanied by Brigadier-General Joseph T. McNarney and Lieut. John R. Allison, of the U.S. Army Air Corps.

It is believed that the discussions will cover the possibilities of American material aid to the Soviet Union and that Mr. Hopkins will carry out a study of the Russian military situation at first hand for the benefit of President Roosevelt. THERE IS SPECULATION IN LONDON ON WHETHER HE WILL CARRY ON FROM MOSCOW IN ORDER TO MAKE A PERSONAL CHECK-UP ON THE SITUATION IN CHINA, SINGAPORE AND THE PHILIPPINES. — INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.



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BURYING OF THE HATCHET

Poland And Soviet Sign Pact

JUNIOR CABINET MINISTERS?

IT WAS REVEALED IN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY THAT 162 AMERICAN PILOTS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED INTO THE BRITISH AIR TRANSPORT AUXILIARY SERVICE.

They are on a yearly contract and their salary is £1,937, 17s and 9d a year free of United Kingdom income tax. Reuter.

Conciliatory Spirit Revealed

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

RUSSIA AND POLAND HAVE AGREED TO BURY THE HATCHET AND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL BE RESUMED FORTHWITH. A GENERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WAS SIGNED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The negotiations have been delicate but both Governments have shown understanding and a conciliatory spirit.

The agreement is accompanied by an exchange of documents between the Polish and British Governments, in which the latter records its adhesion.

Two principal subjects covered by the agreement are the questions of Polish prisoners and existing treaties.

The Soviet Government has immediately ordered a general amnesty to Poles in Russia, with complete freedom of movement.

This decision will affect some 500,000 civilian prisoners now in Soviet hands, as well as about 100,000 soldiers.

IT IS EXPECTED A LARGE NUMBER WILL VOLUNTEER AT ONCE FOR SERVICE AGAINST THE GERMANS.

Null And Void

As regards treaties the Soviet Government expressly declares the treaty concluded with the Germans in 1939 to be null and void.

This treaty among other things established the line of the frontiers between Germany and Soviet Russia.

Effect of this happy solution of the conflict between Poland and Russia will inspire those Poles still suffering under the Nazi yoke with fresh hope and encouragement.

It marks a big step forward towards post-war collaboration and is a sign of confidence in the victory of the Allies.

A word of tribute must also be paid to the good offices of the British Secretary of State which greatly helped to bring about the agreement.—Reuter.

MATTER OF COMMON INTEREST

It is emphasised in London that the Soviet-Polish Agreement implies a general recognition of the overriding common interest and necessity in collaborating in the defeat of the Germans.

This important feature has been recognised both by the Poles and Russians.

It is pointed out that Russians and Poles are both Britain's allies and the Polish force is an integral part of the British forces.

Without this treaty it would be possible to visualise a situation in which an Anglo-Russian force collaborated in operation and Poles might also be engaged in operations without being allies of the Russians.

That possibility is now definitely removed.

There is also a genuine hope that in pursuing their common interest—the defeat of Germany—much of the trouble and bitterness of the past may be washed out and a solution of problems still to be considered will become easier and be conducted in a happier atmosphere.—Reuter.

CONGRESS COMMITTEE AND SELECTEES

By 15 votes to seven the Military Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday approved the legislation extending beyond the previously stipulated year the military service of selectees, National Guardsmen, reserve officers and enlisted personnel.—Reuter.

HISTORIC EVENT ANNOUNCED IN COMMONS

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, ANNOUNCING THE SOVIET-POLISH AGREEMENT AMID LOUD CHEERS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY, SAID THIS HISTORIC EVENT WOULD LAY A FIRM FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE POLISH-SOVIET COLLABORATION IN THE WAR AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY. (CHEERS).

It would therefore be a valuable contribution to the common cause (cheers), and would be warmly welcomed in all friendly countries and not least among all countries of the British Empire. (Loud cheers).

Mr. Eden congratulated those who had shown such wise statesmanship in coming to an agreement. (Cheers).

The cheers were renewed when Mr. Eden announced the Soviet Government's consent under the agreement (which was signed at the Foreign Office in London yesterday afternoon) to the formation of a Polish army on Soviet territory.

Mr. Eden stated that arrangements for the immediate resumption of Soviet-Polish diplomatic relations were being made.

British Note

He stated that after the signature he handed General Sikorski, the Polish Premier, the following Note:—

"On the occasion of the signature of the Polish-Soviet Agreement of to-day's date I desire to take the opportunity to inform you that in conformity with the provisions of the Agreement of Mutual Assistance between the United Kingdom and Poland of August 25, 1939, the Government of the United Kingdom have entered into no undertakings with Soviet Russia which affect the relations of that country and Poland.

"I also desire to assure you that the British Government do not recognise territorial changes effected in Poland since 1939."

Polish Reply

General Sikorski handed Mr. Eden the following reply:

"The Polish Government take note of Your Excellency's letter dated July 30, 1941, and desire to express sincere satisfaction at the statement that the British Government do not recognise any territorial changes which have been effected in Poland since August, 1939.

"This corresponds with the view of the Polish Government which, as they previously informed the British Government, have never recognised any territorial changes in Poland since the outbreak of the present war."

Mr. Eden pointed out that the Soviet-Polish Agreement stated that the Soviet Government recognised that the Soviet-German treaties of 1939 concerning territorial changes in Poland had lost their validity.

British Attitude

He recalled that the attitude of the British Government was stated in general terms by the Prime Minister in the Commons on September 5, 1940, when he said the British Government did not propose to recognise any territorial changes which took place during the war unless they took place with the free consent and goodwill of the parties concerned.

Mr. Eden added this held good for territorial changes effected in Poland since August, 1939, "and I informed the Polish Government accordingly in my official Note."

Replying to supplementary questions Mr. Eden said the exchange of Notes did not involve any guarantee of frontiers by the British Government.

Both Satisfied

He answered in the affirmative a question by Sir Percy Harris (Liberal) in regard to whether both parties were satisfied with the terms of the agreement and whether it was mutual in respect to the Governments of both nations.

Mr. Ellis Smith (Labour) asked if as there was a huge potential Polish army in the Soviet Union, would Mr. Eden do all he could to equip that army as quickly as possible.

Mr. Eden said that would be a matter for the Soviet Government "but we have had in mind throughout the negotiations the enormous value for the Allied cause of the raising and equipping rapidly of a Polish army in Russia."

Congratulations

Mr. Hore-Bellish congratulated Mr. Eden on the part he had played in mediating this agreement, and asked would Mr. Eden also make known to our principal enemy Hitler that this was the result of his wanton attack on Russia.

Mr. Edwards (Labour) asked was the Note handed to Gen. Sikorski on the signing of the agreement known beforehand and was it part of the amicable arrangement of all parties. Mr. Eden replied, yes, that was all arranged beforehand.—Reuter.

SIMPLE CEREMONY AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE

SIMPLICITY MARKED THE SIGNING OF THE SOVIET-POLISH AGREEMENT IN THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S ROOM AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE IN LONDON YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

The Prime Minister presided, with Mr. Eden on his right and General Sikorski (Polish Premier) next to Mr. Eden, while M. Maisky (Soviet Ambassador) and M. Novikoff (Councillor of the Soviet Embassy) were on the Prime Minister's left.

Tutula Bombing Protest

The U.S. Navy Department yesterday announced that the U.S. gunboat Tutula was damaged by Japanese bombs during the latest raid on Chungking.

No casualties were caused. A Washington spokesman said the raiders loosed several bombs over the gunboat, slightly damaging the stern superstructure and some equipment and shattering the Tutula's small outboard motorboat.

The spokesman believed the damage was incidental to the general raid although the Tutula was anchored in the so-called safety area across the Yangtze River from Chungking. The U.S. Government has strongly protested to Japan.—Reuter.

OPERATION ON DR. TAGORE

The Indian poet, Rabindranath Tagore, has undergone an operation. It was announced in Calcutta yesterday, and his condition is described as satisfactory. It is believed he had kidney trouble.—Reuter.

The Polish text and the Russian text of the agreement were placed before the representatives of those countries and signed by them in their own language list.

After the signing was completed Mr. Eden said a few words of congratulation.

General Sikorski followed and then M. Maisky and finally Mr. Churchill. Mr. Churchill said the Pact marked the association of two historic nations in the defence of human rights.

General Cordiality

After they had all spoken, Mr. Eden handed General Sikorski the official Note to which General Sikorski handed Mr. Eden a reply.

Immediately after the ceremony was completed and hands shaken all round in an atmosphere of general cordiality, Mr. Eden set off for the House of Commons to announce the signature.—Reuter.

ITALIAN PRISONERS IN BRITAIN

TWO THOUSAND ITALIAN WAR PRISONERS HAVE ARRIVED IN GREAT BRITAIN FOR WORK UNDER THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE.

They will be employed on ditching, draining land, reclamation and general agricultural work.

Labour camps have been constructed in suitable rural areas.—Reuter.

Japanese Move In Thailand Only A Matter Of Time

BAIT OF NEW TERRITORY POSSIBLE

WHILE THE THAI AUTHORITIES DENY THAT JAPAN HAS OFFERED CAMBODIA AND LAOS (PROVINCES OF INDO-CHINA) AS A QUID PRO QUO IF THAILAND JOINS THE "NEW ORDER," WELL-INFORMED OBSERVERS IN BANGKOK BELIEVE IT IS ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME BEFORE JAPAN SOUNDS THAILAND ON PROPOSALS OF SOME SORT.

They think it quite probable that Japan will shortly offer the world-famous Angkor Wat and Laos, in Indo-China, in the belief that Thailand would be very glad to have the former for sentimental reasons and the latter on international political grounds.

The offer might be subject to two important conditions.

FIRSTLY, JAPAN TO HAVE A VIRTUAL MONOPOLY OF THAILAND'S RICE, TIN AND RUBBER EXPORTS.

SECONDLY, TEMPORARY FACILITIES FOR JAPAN TO USE NAVAL AND AIR BASES IN THAILAND.

Observers maintain that whether Thailand would seriously consider such a conditional offer, when it comes, is another question altogether, though it would purely depend on the attitude of Britain and America.

No Walkover

They are sure Japan knows better than to assume that the walk-over of Vichy could be repeated in Bangkok despite the fact that Japanese forces are now poised on Thailand's eastern borders.

According to the same observers those at present guiding Thailand's destinies are very closely following every facet of the Far Eastern crisis and the latest Anglo-American reactions to it.

They are fully alive to the fact that Britain and America would consider the above-mentioned economic condition as active assistance to any Japanese counter-blockade, and the strategic condition as an abandonment of Thailand's neutrality.

Possible Feeler

Even if Thailand is prepared to discuss a modified form of the economic condition she cannot easily be persuaded to commit herself on the strategic condition.

It is also equally probable that Japan will immediately ask Thailand to recognise the Manchukuo and Nanking regimes.

This would be a feeler to see to what extent Thailand relies on the backing of other powers to resist pressure.

Thailand has met no pressure, economic or military, from any power and has no anxiety whatever about being the object of military aggression by any foreign country, says a communiqué reaffirming Thailand's foreign policy.

It adds that Thailand will not be concerned in any dispute arising outside her borders but will gladly carry on trade relations with foreign countries with a view to maintaining friendly relations with every country.—Reuter.

TATUTA TO PUT INTO SAN FRANCISCO

Japan's crack liner, the N.Y.K. Tatuta Maru, has been given special permission to discharge her passengers in San Francisco where she is expected in a few hours.—Reuter.

A STRONG DETERRENT

The break-up of the Italian "mystery boat" attack on Valetta harbour is the subject of a telegram of congratulations from the Chief of the British Imperial General Staff, Sir John Dill, to the Commander-in-Chief, Malta, Lt.-Gen. Sir William Dobbie.

Sir John Dill states: "Please convey my congratulations to all ranks of the Royal Marine Artillery manning the fixed defences on their great success in breaking up the determined enemy sea-borne attack on the Grand Harbour."

"The action of these gunners has excited universal admiration here in the United Kingdom. The skill and determination shown by them will act as a strong deterrent to future enemy attacks by sea."—Reuter.

BRITISH POLICY IN PALESTINE

There has been no change of the policy of the British Government with regard to Palestine, said Mr. Churchill in the Commons yesterday in answer to a question.—Reuter.

"GUARDS" ON BRITISH FIRMS

A Shanghai dispatch states that the Japanese have stationed gendarmes around British and American firms in Tsingtao.—Central News.

KONOYE WARNING SPEECH

"There is no doubt that this war is bringing serious effects to Japan," declared Prince Kono, the Japanese Premier, addressing the sixteenth plenary session of the National Mobilisation Investigatory Commission in Tokyo yesterday.

"Moreover it is difficult to predict where this conflict in Europe may spread," he added. "In view of the rapidly changing world situation everyone in Japan must always be prepared to meet worse."

"The Government is doing everything within its power to mobilise the country's resources and manpower to meet any situation that may arise in future."

Prince Kono urged members of the Commission to study all problems in bringing about a speedy carrying out of all the Government's mobilisation plans.—Reuter.

NORTH CHINA "FREEZING"

The Netherlands and British India have been included in a list of nations whose assets have been frozen in North China.

A declaration to this effect was made by the Japanese consulate-general in Peiping yesterday.—Reuter.

ITALIANS ROUTED AT TOBRUK

Tobruk garrison patrols were very active on Monday night, one routing a large party of Italians over two miles from the British lines.

This news was given in yesterday's G.H.Q. communiqué in Cairo which stated:

During the night of July 28/29 a strong fighting patrol operating from the eastern sector of the Tobruk defences put to flight a large party of Italians occupying an isolated defended locality over two miles distant from our lines.

The enemy sustained many casualties and left one gun and 20 rifles in our hands.

Although other patrols operating to the southward penetrated deep into the enemy positions they failed to make contact.

Dump Destroyed

In the frontier area, one of our mechanised patrols succeeded in destroying considerable stocks of aviation spirit and oil on a hostile landing ground.

Elsewhere in the frontier area aggressive activity by our patrols has continued.—Reuter.

PREPARING FOR BETTER TIMES

REPLYING TO COMMONS QUESTIONS THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID HIS ATTENTION HAD BEEN DRAWN TO THE RECENT SPEECH IN WASHINGTON OF THE UNITED STATES ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE SUGGESTING THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF PEACE-LOVING NATIONS SHOULD EVEN NOW BE DISCUSSING HOW BEST TO PREPARE FOR BETTER TIMES TO COME.

"The question of entering into such discussions was very much in the mind of the British Government," Mr. Eden said, "and he hoped they might shortly be able to hold another meeting of the Governments of the Allied powers at which they could begin examination of post-war problems."—British Wireless.

INDIA FREEZES CREDITS OF CHINA

THE RESERVE BANK of India yesterday issued instructions to all banks that the accounts of all persons and firms resident in China, including Shanghai, or the accounts of all firms and companies incorporated therein or under the control of residents of these territories and operating in India, shall be blocked.

Banks have been informed they may honour obligations under confirmed credits opened on or before July 30, 1941, on behalf of residents of these countries and may also accept bills or pay cheques drawn by such persons, provided they are presented by residents of India who became holders for value on or before July 30, 1941.

The following accounts are exempted from the order but funds therein are released for payments within the sterling area only:—

The Central Bank of China, the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications, the Farmers Bank of China, the National Government of the Republic of China or any agency thereof.

In addition, for the time being, the exemption also applies to the accounts in India of Chinese branches of authorised dealers in foreign exchange.

Private Remittances

Private remittances to China are no longer permitted and remittances for commercial purposes must be credited in rupees or sterling to any exempted account or to a blocked rupee account of a resident of China.

The private accounts of Chinese residents of India are not restricted.—Reuter.

FOOD PARCELS FOR WAR PRISONERS

The Canadian Red Cross is immediately increasing its weekly food parcel shipments for British prisoners of war from 10,000 to 30,000. Each parcel will contain 16 food items.—Reuter.

TYPHOON NEARING LUZON

A typhoon is moving towards the China Sea from the Pacific. Its position at 3.10 p.m. yesterday was East of N. Visayas, or S.E. Luzon, moving West or WNW.

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VAST GERMAN FIFTH COLUMN AT WORK IN NEAR EAST

A "VAST GERMAN Fifth Column" is in Iran and Afghanistan, according to the "Eastern correspondent" of the Independent French Agency.

The correspondent says: "The diplomatic representatives of Great Britain and Russia are at present engaged at Teheran and Kabul in combatting the subterranean activities of the Fifth Column.

"Utilising these two centres as bases, German agents and saboteurs are infiltrating into the neighbouring territories of the Soviet Caucasian Republics, the Republic of Turkmen and Soviet Turkestan, as well as the North-West Frontier of India.

"Accidents, which appear to be attributable to sabotage, in industrial centres in the Caucasus, have led to increased vigilance by the Soviet authorities.

"It is understood Great Britain is specially concerned with safeguarding the refineries and oil wells of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company in southern Iran.

Dangerous Activities

"There is good reason to believe that German agents are working in close collaboration with White Russian refugees, some of whom have been furnished with German passports.

"The Soviet and British Ministers have drawn the attention of the Iranian Government to the dangerous activities of German agents who are trying to enlist the support of Iranian subjects trading in Soviet and British territories.

"It is noted that twice within a period of six weeks the Afghan Government has made a point of proclaiming its determination to maintain strict neutrality.

Afghan Youth

"Nevertheless certain groups of young Afghans have been won over to Nazi ideas and are playing the game of the local Nazi agents who are conducting propaganda of a somewhat simple and unoriginal character.

"They emphasise, first, that Afghans owe it to themselves to ensure the return of the Afghan minorities to their country, secondly, that a country like Afghanistan should have a powerful air force to ensure its defence." — Reuter.

DEATH FOR SLACKERS IN U.S.S.R.

Soviet determination to combat all Nazi attacks is further evidenced by the drastic punishment of slackness in fire-fighting in Moscow.

Three high officials in a Moscow car parts supply trust and a responsible fire warden of the trust were sentenced to death yesterday for the inadequate provision of fire-fighting equipment and general slackness in precautions.

The inventory manager received 10 years' imprisonment.

The case was judged by a military tribunal and accused were charged with deliberate sabotage and counter-revolutionary activity owing to fire on the night of July 14 on the trust's premises causing damage worth 3½ million roubles.

The fire lit up one-quarter of the city, nullifying the black-out. — Reuter.

DIVE BOMBERS BEATEN OFF

A German dive-bombing attack on British shipping off the coast of Cyrenaica, North Africa, on Tuesday, was driven off by R.A.F. fighters which shot down six enemy planes, according to yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

A STRONG FORMATION OF JUNKERS 87'S, ESCORTED BY MESSERSCHMITTS, MADE THE ATTACK. FOUR BOMBERS AND TWO FIGHTERS WERE BROUGHT DOWN.

Reconnaissance has shown that Monday's raids on aerodromes in Sicily were more successful than was first thought.

Both at Catania and Borizzo the number of badly damaged aircraft was greater than originally reported and the number of planes confirmed as destroyed during the sweep has risen to 36, with the knowledge that six, and not four, fighters were destroyed at Catania.

The communique also reports the dropping of some 10 bombs on a quay and ship-

Brendan Bracken Jollied

Mr. Brendan Bracken, new Minister of Information, was tackled in the Commons yesterday on the question of expediting the release of spot news and topical pictures to the U.S. and British Dominions.

He was asked to take into consideration the fact that the eminent American journalist, Miss Dorothy Thompson, said more hot news was wanted in America.

Mr. Brendan Bracken declared he would do everything in his power to give the maximum amount of news and photographs to the U.S. and the British Dominions, and indeed to any part of the world that would like to have British news.—Reuter.

SOUTH AMERICAN CONFLICT

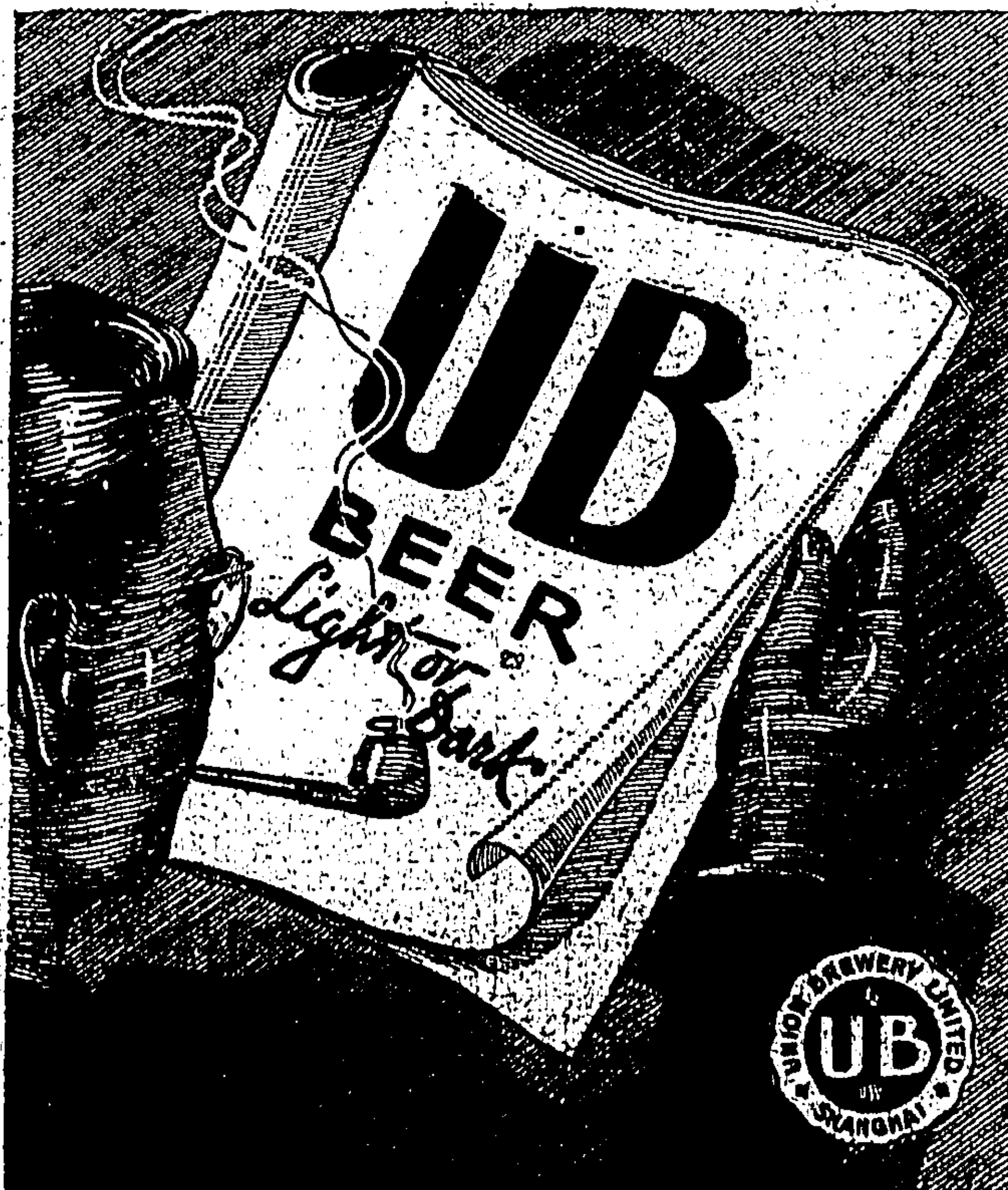
MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE, ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT THE CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN PERU AND ECUADOR MIGHT BE EXPECTED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

Indications yesterday morning gave hope of a prompt solution of the dispute.

Fighting has continued on the Peru-Ecuador frontier since the armistice was announced last Saturday.—Reuter.

ping at Benghazi during a raid on Monday night by R.A.F. heavy bombers.

Two R.A.F. planes are missing from the latest operations. — Reuter.



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MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



LUCKY 13 WHO LEFT THE HOOD

One little party, at least, in the British Navy does not consider No. 13 always unlucky.

They are thirteen members of the crew of H.M.S. Hood, who a few days before she was due to sail were transferred to a shore establishment for a course.

THEY WANT TO FIGHT

Many demobilised French soldiers have succeeded in escaping from France and have reached the French colonies with the object of joining General de Gaulle's Free French force, according to reports received by Swiss newspapers.

LEBANON AND SYRIA INDEPENDENCE

ESTABLISHMENT OF the new regime in Syria and Lebanon following the departure of the Vichy authorities has raised a number of political problems.

Various solutions have been suggested in political circles in Damascus.

The relationship between Syria and Lebanon and between these two territories and their Arab neighbours also had to be settled. It is thought that a congress of politicians from Syria and Lebanon will be held to discuss possible solutions and their conclusion will be laid before the Allied authorities.

Meanwhile, the policy of the Allies in Syria was defined by General de Gaulle in a speech to a large gathering of Syrians in Damascus.

The time had come, he said, to discuss conditions for the sovereignty and independence of Syria and to settle the terms for a sincere alliance.

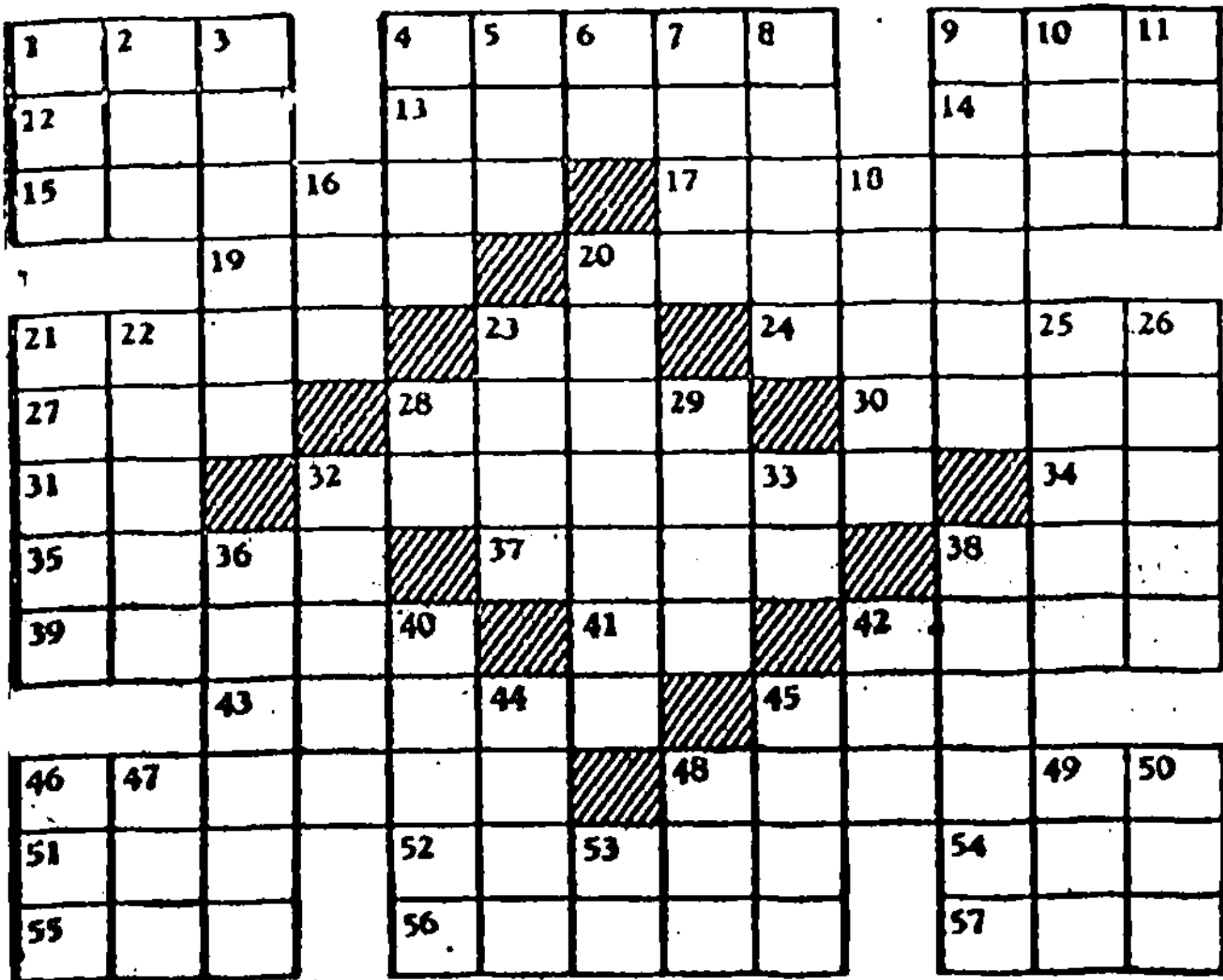
Strategic Move

General de Gaulle spoke of the links between the real Syria and the real France and said the Allies entered the country for strategic reasons to prevent the establishment of a regime that was a form of modern slavery.

Recalling the British Government's statement repudiating all political aims in Syria, he declared the simultaneous action by the Free French and British would strengthen the independence of Syria and Lebanon from the Tigris to the Mediterranean.

He added that the war against the Axis was going in favour of the Allies and signs of total victory were already appearing on the horizon. — Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD

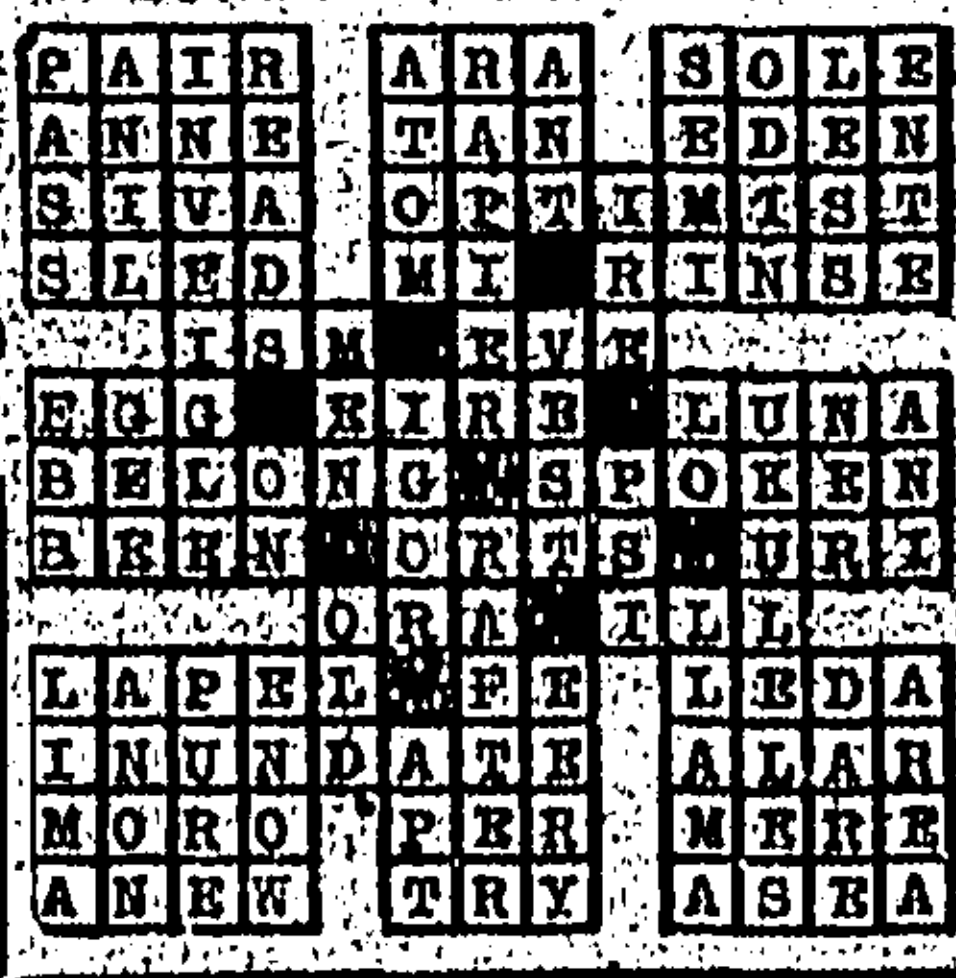


- HORIZONTAL
- 1 Fabulous bird
 - 4 Place of combat
 - 9 Dutch weight
 - 12 Confusion
 - 13 Memphis
 - 14 Swiss canton
 - 15 Bicycle with two seats
 - 17 To annoy
 - 18 Water barrier
 - 20 Long wooden seat
 - 21 Footless animal
 - 23 Symbol for iron
 - 24 Implement
 - 27 Sailor
 - 28 Branches of learning
 - 30 Gratia
 - 31 Conjunction
 - 32 County administrative officer
 - 34 Six
 - 35 Tidy
 - 37 Ancient Irish capital
 - 38 Numeral
 - 39 Ancient chariot
 - 41 Archipelago
 - 42 Archipelago

- 43 Burns
- 45 American poet
- 46 Sudden commotion
- 49 Thin, glittering bits of metal
- 51 Edge
- 52 Reddish colouring matter
- 54 High note
- 55 Simian
- 56 Rock
- 57 Firmament

- VERTICAL
- 1 Rodent
 - 2 Room in a harem
 - 3 Large vulture
 - 4 Ancient alloy
 - 5 Butting animal
 - 6 Latin conjunction
 - 7 Back of the neck
 - 8 About
 - 9 Creator
 - 10 Part of "to be"
 - 11 Russian commune
 - 16 Colloquial: father
 - 18 To make fun of
 - 20 Reveals unintentionally
 - 21 To make amends
 - 22 Peels
 - 23 To worry
 - 25 Embankment
 - 26 French river
 - 28 Interjection
 - 29 Father
 - 32 To guide
 - 33 Note of scale
 - 34 To take for granted
 - 36 Treatises
 - 40 Challenges
 - 42 Weight
 - 44 Hindu peasant
 - 45 To languish
 - 46 Monk
 - 47 Brim
 - 48 Mineral
 - 49 Large deer
 - 50 To place
 - 53 Hence

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



CONSTITUTION OF CEYLON CHANGES

THE UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES WAS QUESTIONED IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY REGARDING THE POSITION IN RESPECT TO DISCUSSIONS FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION OF CEYLON.

It was stated that the Secretary of State is still in consultation with the Governor, and that the Secretary of State was not yet in a position to say what the outcome would be or what progress would become practicable during the continuance of the war.—Reuter.

Astonishing Rumour

IT WAS LEARNED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THERE IS NO TRUTH IN THE RUMOUR THAT 20,000 AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE ALREADY IN EGYPT.

Only American service personnel in Egypt are a few observers there in connection with considerable deliveries of American equipment now taking place in the Middle East. — Reuter.

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JAPAN IS WILLING TO CALL A HALT TO EXPANSION IF THE DEMOCRACIES RECOGNISE A "FAIT ACCOMPLI" IN INDO-CHINA.

If, on the other hand, "encirclement" in the Pacific continues — in other words if the economic Sanctions are aggravated by an embargo on oil — Japan will have to consider taking measures to "prevent herself being strangled."

That is how the Tokyo correspondent of the Vichy news agency — quoting "well-informed Japanese quarters" — summed up the attitude of the Japanese Government last night.

The correspondent "does not despair of finding a basis for a modus vivendi with the United States when the psychological effect of the credit blockade subsides." — Reuter.

Official's Statement

"Our Government is fully prepared to measure up to any situation that is developing or likely to develop in connection with the Anglo-American combination in the Far East."

This statement, made by Mr. Takenosuke Miyamoto, Deputy President of the Planning Board, is emphasised in a leading article in the semi-official Tokyo newspaper "Japan Times" yesterday.

Everything that had happened by way of economic war was anticipated, declared Mr. Miyamoto. Japan had planned its economy for the latter half of this year without counting on supplies from Britain or the U.S.

"From The South"

The programme for material supplies was based on the degree of self-supply achieved or to be achieved by the combination of Japan, Manchukuo and China, "together with what supplements may be obtained from some countries in the south."

ALTHOUGH JAPAN WAS FULLY PREPARED TO MEET THE SITUATION THERE WAS NO DOUBT OF ITS GRAVITY AND THE URGENCY OF DEVELOPING JAPAN'S FIGHTING POWER ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS.

Military Problem

The Japanese are still heavily outnumbered by the Soviet

WASN'T JUST GAS

A man who was injured in a bombed shelter — his wife was with him at the time — damned Hitler and called for a 'plane as he came out of an anaesthetic.

These, according to Dr. Felix Brown, of Guy's Hospital, are some of the things he said:

"I'll get you out, Dolly—I can't use my left arm. . . . Oh, if I had a spade; I can't shift this concrete. . . . I'll get the others out or I'll die. . . ."

"I'll Teach Them"

"Damn old Hitler; if only I could get at the swine. Why can't I fit wings on my car? I'll teach them to bomb the girl and the kids. Never mind about me; I can take it. Blimey, if they gave me a 'plane. . . ."

Then he described experiences in the last war, when he was sole survivor of a Mesopotamia expedition. Eventually he woke up, delighted to find that his injured arm was normal. He made a good recovery.

His wife was rescued from the shelter.

Dr. Brown tells the story in "The Lancet."

armies in eastern Siberia and face considerable obstacles in any move southward from Indo-China. U.S. Government officials told pressmen in Washington yesterday.

Speaking on the basis of "detailed information from the Orient," they expressed the belief that Japan is forced by limited land and air power to adopt a waiting opportunist course.

Russian forces in the Far East are estimated to include some 40 divisions despite substantial withdrawals to fight the Germans in the West.

Japan is believed to have only about 14 divisions available in Manchuria and Korea.

The Japanese air force is estimated altogether at about 3,600 'planes, largely out-of-date models, and the Russian Far Eastern fleet at about 2,400 prior to withdrawals to the European front.

Japan's Limit

Officials thought the bombing of Japanese from Vladivostok — a distance of about 750 miles — possible but difficult.

They gave 66 divisions as the limit. Japan could equip the forces fighting in China and threatening Malaya being included in this total.

It is considered that should Japan make any hostile move against the Dutch East Indies, Britain would promptly come in against her though the Indies themselves are capable of putting up a fair resistance. — Reuter.

CHINESE CREDITS FROZEN

AN ORDER FREEZING THE ASSETS IN HONG KONG OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA—AT THE REQUEST OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT—WAS PUBLISHED IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON.

Issued after the closing of bank business, the Order follows lines similar to that against Japan and Japanese dependencies, except that it becomes effective as from July 30, and permission is given to bankers and others to make and accept any payment in this Colony to or from persons in this Colony.

FREEZING IN CANTON

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN JAPANESE AND AMERICANS AND BRITONS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPLIED IN JAPAN HAVE ALSO BEEN APPLIED IN CANTON SINCE MONDAY, ACCORDING TO A NOTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE JAPANESE CONSUL-GENERAL YESTERDAY.

The Kwangtung government is said to be taking parallel action concerning the Chinese but this report has not yet been confirmed. — Reuter Special.

HIS LAST GIFT WAS A RING

John Martindale Iago could not get home. He was fighting for his country — a naval lieutenant.

So he wrote to his fiancée, Miss Dorothy Castle, of Belsize Park-gardens, London, suggesting she should buy the engagement ring.

She got the letter on a Friday. She went to the jewellers and chose a ring.

Next day came news of the sinking of H.M.S. Hood. John Iago was an officer aboard her. On Wednesday the announcement of his engagement to Miss Castle was published.

Order Not Cancelled

Later there was another announcement—

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: Iago: On May 24, 1941, Lieutenant (Electrical) John Martindale Iago, A.C.G.I., B.Sc. (Eng.), R.N.V.R., H.M.S. Hood, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Iago, Gerrans, Crofters Road, Northwood, Middlesex. Age 25.

But John Iago will still give his fiancée the ring he asked her to wear. The order has not been cancelled. And it will not be.

George Sharman, said to be the youngest petty officer in the Navy, was among others lost.

Three survivors have been landed at Reykjavik, Iceland, says Reuter. They are Midshipman Dundas, Signaller Briggs and Seaman R. Tilburn.

£5 MAY BUY A MANSION

Would you like to speculate a fever? That is the "upset" price placed upon the mansion of Ardpeaton, near Cove, on the shores of Loch Long, which will be offered for sale at the end of this month.

There are three reception-rooms, a billiard room, seven principal bedrooms, three dressing-rooms three bathrooms, servants' hall, four servants' bedrooms, complete domestic offices and entrance lodge, two outer houses and garage and stabling accommodation.

The grounds extend about 12 acres, including lawns, vegetable gardens, orchard, wooded hill-side, "etc." There is also a private jetty and boathouse reached by underground passage from the lawns. Among the trifling snags, however, is the fact that the assessed annual rental is £110 and the annual feu duty over £89! It is also possible that the selling price may reach something above the upset price of £5. Still, it's nice to think about!

"PILOT X" TALKS TO MINERS

"Pilot X," captain of the Catalina flying-boat which spotted the Bismarck, talked about his exploit to 1,500 miners at a pit-head at South Kirby, Yorkshire.

The pilot visited the pit as the result of a message of congratulations on sinking the Bismarck sent by the miners to the Admiralty. He told the "Daily Mirror" that he himself was brought up in a mining district of Northumberland.

He also visited the pits at Hemsworth and Action Hall, belonging to the same company.

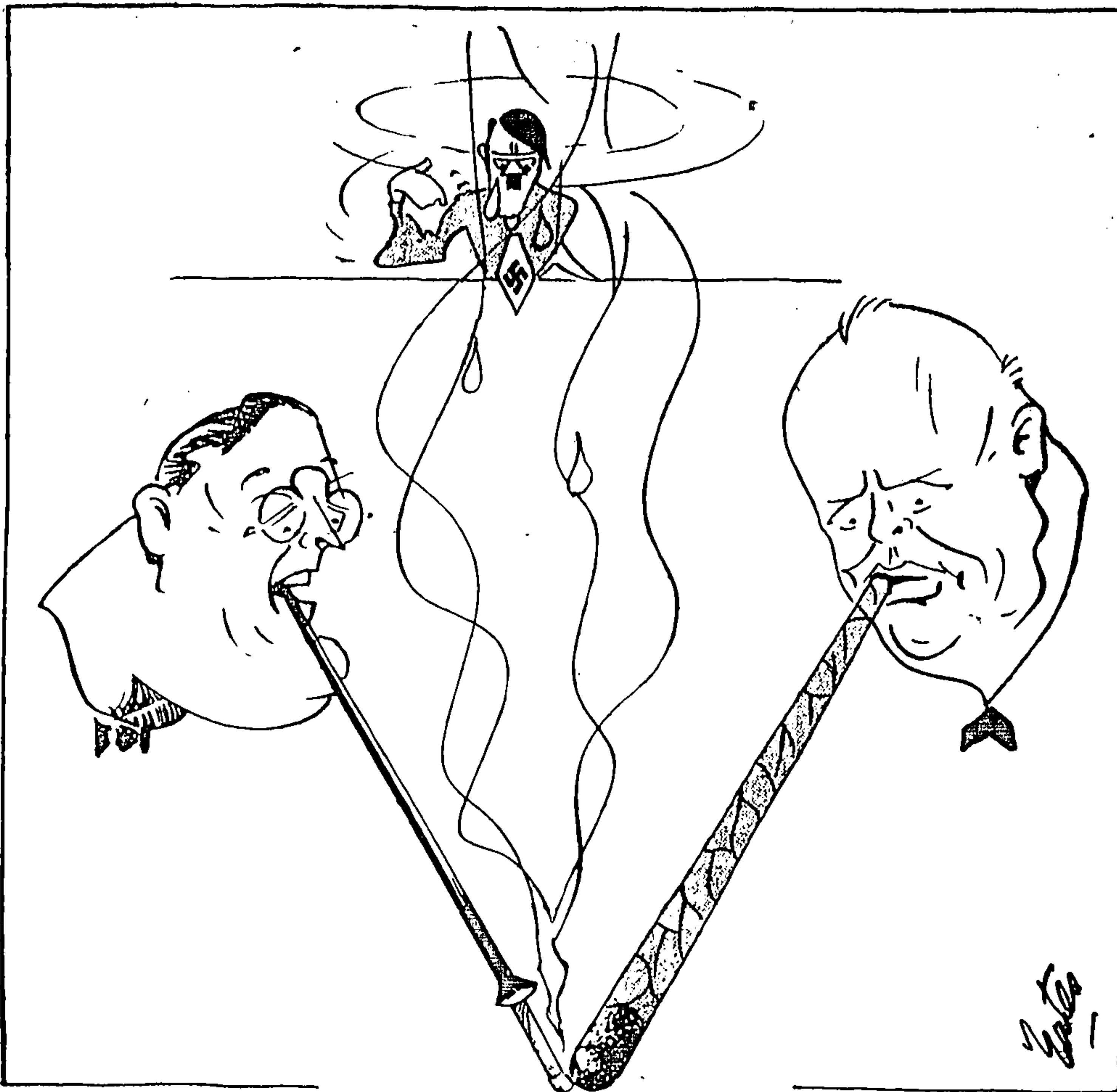
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BEHIND THE FRONTS

The first wave of the Nazi attack on Russia is spent, and as the second phase develops in a fog of heavy silence on the German side it is perceived that there are three main fronts in this sinuous struggle, unfolding like a colossal cobra from Murmansk to Kishinev. The first is only an imaginary line traced between three or four widely separated points, which the blitzkrieg barely touched as it broke against the outer defences of the Stalin Line. Apparently the Russians have held these forward thrusts and made counter-thrusts of their own, resorting to stratagems and tricks, the injured Germans complain, to draw the innocent invaders on and stab them in the back.

Behind these thin spearheads, in a vast field including a segment of Russia proper and all the territory the Soviets acquired in the deal with Hitler, great battles are still being fought. Here, in the "rear" that is the most active front, Russians and Germans say they have trapped hundreds of thousands of troops. This second front is of many sectors, of armies pushing forward and sagging back in a grand confusion of perpetual and often unrelated movements. In all these far-flung engagements, incalculably costly on both sides, there is as yet no clear decision, but the Germans do not conceal their disquiet at the unexpected strength of the Red Army's resistance and the quantity and quality of its equipment. Hitler made a desperate gamble on the crack-up of Soviet power. He seems to have failed to evaluate a force older than communism, more instinctive than the cult of Stalin—the attachment of the peasant masses to "Mother Russia," the incoherent but cohesive force of Russian patriotism?

A third front lies behind both lines. Stalin mentioned it when he made a reference in his broadcast to "diversionists in the rear." Hitler recognised it for the first time in his war proclamation when he accused the Communists of working to undermine the Third Reich from within, and reports from Germany relayed through Stockholm tell of widespread arrests of suspected Communists extending to the Nazi



JOINING UP FOR VICTORY.

Why Britain Cannot Be Defeated

Whether a civilian wants his country involved in a war or not does not necessarily afford clear indication of how he will conduct himself, being in it.

To the soldier, of course, war may come as a welcome relief to the monotonous exercises of peace time, so that he girds himself for the task with a certain grim satisfaction. He may not believe in the value of war very much, but on the other hand, he is a member of a profession that regards the subject as a science and he knows that the many theories he has studied will have to be tested sooner or later. Therefore, he has little doubt that he will give a good account of himself as befits a soldier and a patriot.

But with the civilian it is different. When war breaks out, he knows he is bound to see much that he has striven for in the way of improvement, both in production methods and the social condition of the workers swept ruthlessly away. Increasing costs are going to bring about a lower standard of living, transportation and other facilities will be greatly restricted, the younger and more promising members of the staff will be called up for military service, and profit will be taxed almost to vanishing point. He will not have the satisfaction of wearing a military uniform and no one will acclaim him as the saviour of his country.

That is how the civilian's outlook may normally be summed up, but to-day it is different.

To-day in England the civilian finds himself in the line with the soldier, and shocked though he may be at what he would normally consider an outrage, he nevertheless feels that in this "total war" his status as a patriotic citizen has taken on a much more imposing aspect than in the past. He no longer plays the part of the timid and shrinking noncombatant, but accepts the new call that is being made upon him without hesitation, and even with a certain amount of pride. He sees the menace to the free institutions and to all the traditions and customs and societies for which he has striven and he realises that he can and must play his part in their defence.

His value to his country lies not in any latent military zeal that he may possess because of

his lack of training; but that he should prove his ability to carry on with his own job and maintain his equilibrium in circumstances of more than ordinary difficulty is of the utmost importance. The civilian in Britain to-day is well aware of all this. His knows that in times of peace the wheels of industry are highly lubricated, and everything conceivable is done to facilitate and expedite the normal processes of trade involved in the production and interchange of commodities; but that in time of war innumerable obstacles begin to appear and the resulting friction may cause the wheels to rotate very stiffly, if

By
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not to stop altogether. Transportation, too, is of vital importance to the whole community and nothing which is not absolutely necessary to the well-being of the nation as a whole should be allowed to slow down the wheels.

This applies also to cultural activities such as music, art, drama and literature which give employment to a great many, and which to some people are as necessary as the air they breathe. All these things are the veritable life blood of the nation and while the heart of the nation may, in time of war, be the principal concern of the Army, the circulation of the blood and the free exercise of its normal function is very much the concern of the civilian. It is, therefore, a matter of great interest and importance to observe the conduct of the civilian and to see how he is shouldering these opportunities of maintaining the national services under the severe strain of total war.

Cause A Vital One

"All our crowds have been proud of being under fire of the enemy," said the Prime Minister of Great Britain in a recent broadcast, "old men, little children, the crippled, the veterans of former wars, aged women, and the ordinary hard-pressed citizen or subject of the King, as he likes to call himself, the sturdy workman who swings hammer or loads a ship, the skillful craftsmen, the members of every kind of A.R.P. service, are proud to feel that they stand in the line together with our fighting men when one of the greatest causes is being

fought out—and fought out it will be, to the end."

We naturally inquire then why are all these civilian types and many more besides "proud" of being brought into the arena of warfare, from which normally they would shrink.

Partly no doubt it arises from an almost religious conviction that the cause for which their country contends is one in which every citizen has a vital stake. The British Empire, they feel, is not the arbitrary dictate of a single individual. It has grown, or evolved itself out of the common sense and the good nature of the English people, who have always preferred committees to dictators, elections to street fighting, and well-regulated debate to revolutionary tribunals.

They know that they could never accept the alternatives which defeat would impose upon them, and therefore given the leadership which the circumstances demand, they have as Mr. Churchill says, shown a certain pride in the measure of the self-surrender that they have been called upon to make for their country's sake. Doubtless the same phenomenon would appear in all countries where democratic institutions have come to be regarded as the only true way of life.

Christian Model Accepted

It may be true to say that the British people are not religious in the ordinary accepted sense, but it certainly is true that there never has been an age in which more people were struggling, with varying success, to live up to the highest ideals that are in them, and to try and better the conditions of the people among whom they live.

Many of these people hardly think of themselves as Christian, and yet they have accepted the Christian character as their model, because in the long run it is the only model that defines and sustains to the full the democratic ideal of life.

How then are the British people in all the different walks of life, reacting to the stress and strain of total warfare brought right up to their very hearthstones?

An unexpectedly fitting answer may be found in the words of a cockney charwoman, who, when asked if the people in her neighbourhood, which had been severely bombed, had been upset by it, replied, "Oh, no, they took it all in good part." But of course the Englishman does not like being bombed; who would? He just feels that his material well-being must now be subordinated to higher considerations—and he tries to make the best of it.

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JAPANESE REPRISALS 'SOMEWHAT ELASTIC'

"SOMEWHAT ELASTIC REPRISALS" IS THE COMMENT OF THE "MANCHESTER GUARDIAN" ON TOKYO'S REJOINDER TO THE ANGLO-AMERICAN-DUTCH FREEZING.

Drawing attention to the Japanese announcement in New York that interest on sinking fund payments on dollar bonds will be continued, the newspaper says unofficial Japanese quarters in London have hinted that the service of sterling bonds will probably be maintained if sufficient trade is allowed for the accumulation of sterling balances.

HORSE CURE FOR CROSSED EYES

Harry Brown, of Broadus, Montana, has found a cure for people with crossed eyes, but he doesn't recommend it.

Cross-eyed for 35 years, Brown was kicked in the face by a horse.

His nose was broken, but some time later, says the B.U.P., his eyes straightened.

THEFTS OVER TWO YEARS

FOR THE THEFT OF CLOTHING TO THE VALUE OF \$1,100 OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. A 20-YEAR-OLD TAILOR, HO HING, WAS SENTENCED TO SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR BY MR. G. T. LOWRY AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING.

According to Detective Sergeant W. G. Morrison, accused had been in the employ of the Yee On Tailor Shop, No. 228, Des Voeux Road Central for four years, at wages of \$9.50 per month. For the last two years, articles of clothing had been missing. Suspicion was aroused on July 29, and when accused was searched, 79 pawn-tickets were found in his possession.

Defendant said that he needed the money for medical treatment.

ALIEN SEAMEN CAUTIONED

A Belgian seaman, Domien Stevens, 25, and a Norwegian engineer, Roar Karlo Wigum, were cautioned by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning when charged with failing to report their arrival in the Colony within the prescribed period of 48 hours.

Accused said that they did not know the regulations.

APARTMENT HOUSE ROBBERY

Dr. Douglas Laing, of No. 9, St. John's Apartment, Garden Road, has reported the theft of money and jewellery to the value of \$200 from his residence yesterday.

SPITTING FINE

Arrested by an Indian constable for spitting on the footpath in Latchikok Road yesterday, Leung Yin, 34, shop fook, was fined \$5 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

The newspaper points out that only about £2,000,000 are required for the annual upkeep of payment to British holders, and Japanese financiers are anxious not to spoil the Japanese record for regular payment.

"THE NEW REGULATIONS DO NOT IN FACT BAR A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TRADE ON A CASH BASIS, AND THE EMBARGO ON THE SUPPLY OF IMPORTANT RAW MATERIALS TO JAPAN DOES NOT YET APPLY TO OIL."

"Economic pressure has only begun and the Democratic Governments have not yet shut Japan's way of retreat."

Depends On Japan

"It depends on her actions whether the pressure will be increased to the point of slow strangulation."

All British newspapers draw attention to the fact that Japan is beginning to put the screw on Thailand in the same way as on Indo-China, with hints, complaints and radio allegations that Thailand is "threatened by the British."—Reuter.

HANKOW INCIDENT

IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY SIR J. S. WARDLAW-MILNE ASKED MR. EDEN WHETHER HE WAS AWARE THAT THE ENFORCED CLOSING DOWN, AT THE INSTANCE OF THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES, OF THE ONLY BRITISH NEWS AGENCIES IN HANKOW—REUTER AND THE "CENTRAL CHINA POST"—WILL HAVE THE RESULT THAT LARGE AREAS OF CENTRAL CHINA WILL IN FUTURE DEPEND FOR NEWS ON AXIS SOURCES ALONE.

In reply, Mr. Eden said he appreciated the point raised and that a report had been called for, which had not yet been received.

Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne: Will Mr. Eden consider carefully whether there are any measures we can take to prevent this stoppage of publication of British news in China?

Mr. Eden: I entirely agree. That is why I have asked for this report, to see what steps we can take.—Reuter.

ATTEMPTED TO RUN AWAY

For avoiding payment of bus fare, Li Tse, 17, student, residing at No. 35, Nam Chang Street, was fined \$25 by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was detected on a bus in Nathan Road without a ticket by an inspector, who took him to the police station. On alighting from the bus, accused broke away but was chased and arrested.

EXPOSURE FINES

Four Chinese were each fined \$2 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning for exposure.

They were caught by a Chinese constable bathing in a nullah in Waterloo Road last night. It was stated that the spot was close to a girls' school and that defendants had been previously warned not to bathe there.

BRITAIN'S NEW "SECRET" WEAPON

Raiding British aircraft, according to the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt," are dropping over Germany imitation German clothes ration cards.

The newspaper says anyone using such cards will be sentenced to long imprisonment or death.—Reuter.

SOVIET SECRET WEAPON

The existence of a Soviet secret weapon was revealed yesterday with the announcement that Stalin had received its inventor, Kostikov, and expressed high praise of the new weapon.

The weapon has taken Kostikov and a group of engineers working under him three years to develop, says the Moscow newspaper "Pravda" announcing the success of the researches.

WITHOUT GIVING DETAILS "PRAVDA" SAYS THIS "NEW TYPE OF WEAPON HAS DISPLAYED EXCELLENT QUALITIES IN WAR CONDITIONS."

When Stalin received Kostikov, says "Pravda," he not only highly praised the new weapon but gave him new tasks and valuable advice for future work. Kostikov, who has been given the title "Hero of Soviet Labour," has specialised in new types of armaments for the past eight years and recently evolved and put into practice 12 original designs.—Reuter.

N.E.I. WILL FIGHT

"Should circumstances arise owing to the geographical situation of the East Indies to force a fight upon us, there is no doubt whatever that we would, with our Allies, accept that fight," declared Queen Wilhelmina in a special broadcast to her subjects all over the world last night.

Queen Wilhelmina added she did not forget her peoples in the western hemisphere to whom the torch of war could bring its horrors. She knew that an appeal to their peoples, army and navy to bear sacrifices would not be in vain.—Reuter.

PRES. ROOSEVELT GIVES WARNING OF INFLATION

SIR ROBERT
CRAIGIE AT
GAIMUSHO

Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and Admiral Toyoda, the Japanese Foreign Minister, conferred for more than half an hour yesterday afternoon, according to the Domei agency.

The agency understands they discussed latest developments in Anglo-Japanese relations.—Reuter.

SLUMP IN SHELTER USERS

A census taken this month shows 104,990 people are using public shelters and 556,000 domestic shelters compared with 470,200 in November last year and 2,140,000 while approximately 12% of users of public shelters are children, stated Alderman Charles Key, M.P., Special London Regional Commissioner.

The position of shelters in London at the present moment was incomparably better than it was at the beginning of this year.

There was now sleeping accommodation in the London region shelters for 1,277,000 and for 3,495,000 in domestic shelters. In tubes where there were 23,000 bunks a gradual decline in the number of persons using them as shelters had been noticed and the last census showed there were 26,000 people using them—lowest since heavy raiding began.

Mr. Key added that with few exceptions the local authorities had now completed plans for providing canteens in shelters holding 200 persons or more and for the installation of power points in all shelters regularly used by 50 or more persons.

There were 188 medical aid posts in large shelters and 69 serving groups of smaller shelters, 24 welfare councils or committees had been set up and more were being formed.

Sanction had been given the appointment of a number of shelter welfare officers.—British Wireless.

U.S. Orders In Canada

The U.S. War Department has ordered \$16,348,840 worth of war supplies from Canadian manufacturers.

This is a new move to give effect to the Administration's announced policy of establishing the closest possible economic relations with Canada.

Contracts have been given to War Supplies Ltd. in Ottawa for British Link training planes and for rubber anti-gas gloves.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a message to Congress yesterday, asserted that inflationary price increases were threatening to "undermine our defence efforts" and asked Congress to authorise him to establish ceilings for prices and rents.

"We face inflation," declared the President, "unless we act decisively without delay."

The President also asked authority to purchase materials and commodities when necessary to assure price stability and to "deal more extensively with excesses in the field of installment credit."

While refraining from seeking authority to limit wages, the President's message said he expected the voluntary contribution of labour to prevent labour costs rising abnormally.

"Labour has far more to gain from price stability than from abnormal wage increases, for these are likely to be illusory and quickly overtaken by sharp rises in living costs, which fall with particular hardship on the least fortunate of our workers and our old people."

Rent Profiteering

Regarding rents, the President said that despite the steps taken to assure adequate billets, barracks etc. for defence, the nation was already confronted with rent increases reminiscent of Great War days.

He added: "This is a development that must be arrested before rent profiteering can develop to increase the cost of living and damage civilian morale."

A Bill to carry out the President's requests is expected to be introduced in both Houses shortly.

Congress Divided

Congress is divided on the question of price-fixing. Some senators have threatened to oppose limits on agricultural prices and only on Tuesday the Senate approved a bill preventing the marketing during an emergency of Government stocks of wheat and cotton.

Another group of congressmen have advocated the control of wages on the grounds that wage increases have increased manufacturing costs resulting in higher prices.

President Roosevelt in his message said the Government was now spending over \$30 millions daily on defence and this rate "must and will increase."—Reuter.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKED -- THEN A DETECTIVE

A story of how a man robbed his friend of \$2,662, Chinese currency, when the latter missed the boat in which they were travelling to Hong Kong, was told before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning when Li Keng-ho, 28, was charged with unlawful possession of the money.

Accused was convicted and sentenced to three months' hard labour.

The man and his friend left in a motor-boat for Hong Kong from a village in Chinese territory on July 16. On the way, the boat called at a Chinese coastal port, where the owner went ashore, missing the boat when she re-sailed for Hong Kong.

Det.-Sgt. Willison received certain information and arrested accused in a room in the Sun Sun Hotel with the money in his possession on Tuesday.

BURMESE EXPERTS IN CHUNGKING RAID

A party of Burmese air raid precaution officials who arrived in Chungking recently, visited the Chungking Air Defence Headquarters yesterday, during the Japanese mass bombing of the city. The visitors evinced particular interest in the intelligence work of the Headquarters.

After the raid, they were escorted to the bombed areas and saw relief squads at work, expressing great admiration for their courage and efficiency.—Central News.

KILLED HIMSELF IN RAID

A night porter at a West End hotel, helping in rescue work during a night air raid, found a resident, Henry Thomas Savile (81), lying dead on the floor of his bedroom.

A bloodstained penknife was clenched in his hand, and he had a throat wound. A bottle of potassium cyanide and a tumbler containing drugs were found in the room.

Savile left a letter addressed to a nephew, notifying him of his death.

A verdict of "suicide while of unsound mind" was returned at the Westminster inquest.

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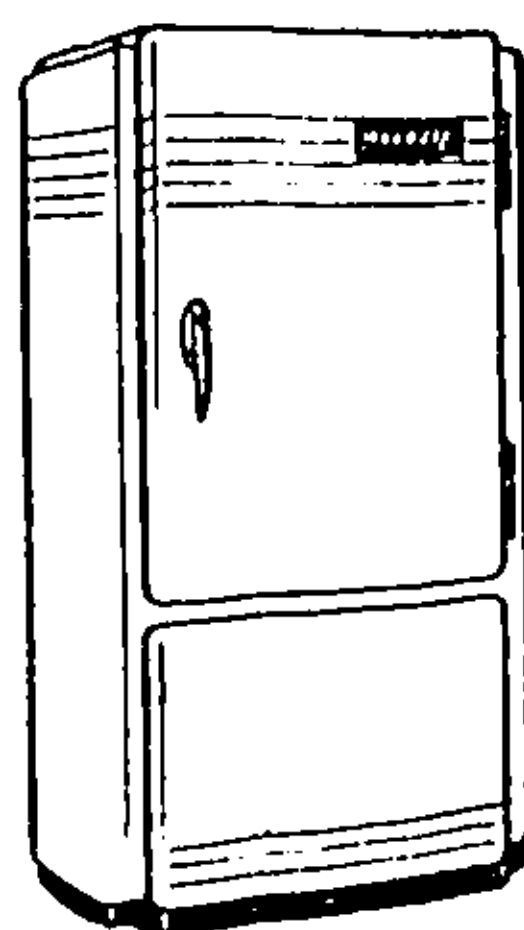


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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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BRIDGE NOLES

TOO MUCH BIDDING

By The Four Aces

"Is it ever right to bid a Grand Slam when a finesse is needed to make it? We did that," a Chicago reader sorrowfully writes, "and the finesse didn't work. Please tell us whether that was just hard luck or whether our bidding was unsound."

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NORTH

♠ K 10 9 7 3
♥ A 8
♦ A J 10 6 2
♣ 7

WEST

♠ 4
♥ K Q J 7 2
♦ 9 5
♣ 10 9 8 5 2

EAST

♠ 6 2
♥ 10 9 5 2
♦ K 8 7 3
♣ 6 4 3

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 8 5
♥ 8 4
♦ Q 4
♣ A K Q J

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♥	3♥	Pass
4♠	Pass	6♠	Pass
7♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

It is not right to bid a Grand Slam when you know a finesse will be needed to make the contract. An unsuccessful Grand Slam loses not only the few points scored by the opponents, but also the score you could have made for a successful Small Slam. The gain for the Grand Slam is set; so you need much better than the even chance offered by a finesse.

It's true, nevertheless, that experts will occasionally bid a Grand Slam in which a finesse is needed. But the finesse could not be predicted during the bidding. The expert's reasoning was: "This contract ought to be an absolute lay-down; and only at worst will I need a finesse." Such a Grand Slam is not at all unreasonable.

As to the hand in question, we think that North did too much bidding. His bid of three hearts over West's overall was a Slam try in itself. Having announced that he was interested in a Slam, North could then relax and leave the rest to South. Over four clubs, North should have bid only four spades — or, at most, five spades. Then South would have bid six spades and all would have been satisfactory. But when North showed control of hearts, exceptional spade support, plus a willingness to play for twelve tricks even if South had only a fair opening bid which included the club Ace — when North showed this optimism South was justified in thinking that a Grand Slam was an absolute lay-down.

* * *

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held.

♠ 7 8 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A Q J 7 6
♣ K 8 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Waller
1♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid two diamonds. You have a fairly strong hand and can well afford this exploratory response.

Score 100% for two diamonds, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 782

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Waller
1♠	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CANADA'S BIG 'PLANE CONTRACT ON TIME

ON AUGUST 1, NEXT, a substantial contract for Hawker Hurricane fighting-planes, which was placed in Canada a few months ago, will be completed on schedule, according to the current rate of production. This represents the output of one key plant, with a coordinated subcontract arrangement, states the "Wall Street Journal."

For an industry which has been literally built from the ground up in a period of two or three years this, coupled with the growing output of training fighters and bombers in other plants, is a reasonable index of the progress to be made in 1941.

It means in this case that Canadian effort will add more than 50 squadrons of Hurricane fighters this year to a fleet which has been in the fore-front of Britain's defence.

Since the outbreak of war more than 1,300 military aircraft have been produced in Canada in a dozen plants, the locations of which extend from Nova Scotia to British Columbia. The present rate of production is approximately 40 planes per week. Aircraft being manufactured include bombers, fighters and trainers, powered with engines imported from the United States and England.

What Constitutes The Industry

Canada's aircraft industry today comprises largely of firms ordinarily engaged in the manufacture of rail equipment and in steel fabrication, plus the producers of commercial machines in normal times. A branch of an important United States airplane builders, an assembly concern set up by six Canadian plane manufacturers, and a Government-owned company now round out the industry.

New construction and the adaptation of existing plants have provided additional facilities which currently are being further extended. Training schools operated both by individual manufacturers and by the government are providing reserves of skilled labour.

The needs for greater standardisation, a speed-up in the supply of materials and component parts, and increased efficiency by employers remain the main problems of the industry.

Before the year-end the largest expansion programme for the manufacture of aluminum and its finished products undertaken in the British Empire in any like period will be contributing an increasing supply to Canada's already large output of materials vital to aircraft production.

Shipbuilding Activities

Canadian shipbuilding and drafting rooms are beginning to hum, and they are likely to continue for some time turning out mosquito boats, corvettes, minesweepers and other craft to supplement Canadian naval services. Since the outbreak of war, an addition has been made of more than 187 naval craft of all descriptions from destroyers downwards.

The Canadian shipbuilding industry is embarked upon a programme of ship construction which involves an expenditure of \$300 million. Additional orders are in prospect sufficient to boost the overall cost to \$420 million. Realisation of the increased schedule would ensure capacity operations by all Canadian shipyards through 1944.

The industry is expending rapidly, and has now completed more than half of a programme

representing an outlay of \$120 million. Facilities are being enlarged to permit an immediate start on the building of a fleet of standardised cargo ships to cost \$180 million. Plans are under way for the extension of this merchant vessel programme to around \$300 million.

The \$120 million naval schedule comprises the construction of some 266 ships and over 400 small craft. Of the former, 92 have been delivered or launched and by the end of this month 60 more will be in the water. The output of small boats is close to 50 per cent. completed.

The changing course of the war has shifted emphasis upon the need for merchant vessels, and the Canadian cargo shipbuilding programme involves the production at a dozen yards of 100 standardised cargo boats at a cost of around \$1,800,000 each. It is expected that 20 of these vessels will be completed and in service by the end of the present calendar year, with the balance to become available during 1942 and early 1943.

The number of workers employed in seventeen major and 45 smaller yards now totals over 20,000 compared with 1500 at the beginning of the war 20 months ago.

With a single exception, the cost of expanding shipbuilding capacity is being included in the construction contract price, and title to the enlarged facilities will remain with the builders. Under the provisions of special legislation, however, depreciation upon such war-time plant enlargement may be written off over a period of three years.

Steel Plants

The steel plants of Nova Scotia and Ontario are operating well beyond rated capacity, with output reaching for new records. In the forging plants production has in many cases advanced 150 per cent. or more, and backlogs are still climbing. The industry is in fact booked up six to twelve months ahead at current production. A system of priorities now assures a supply of forgings to essential war industries.

Textile plants have embarked on heavy schedules, supplying barracks and camps, as well as a multiplicity of clothing fabrics and other military supplies.

Across the Dominion, power plants are loading lines to record electricity peaks, and, in many instances, starting to harness new energy to the war machine which is being built.

Shells, small arms, chemicals and explosives are not products which lend themselves to much publicity. There will be ten such government plants in full operation in 1941.

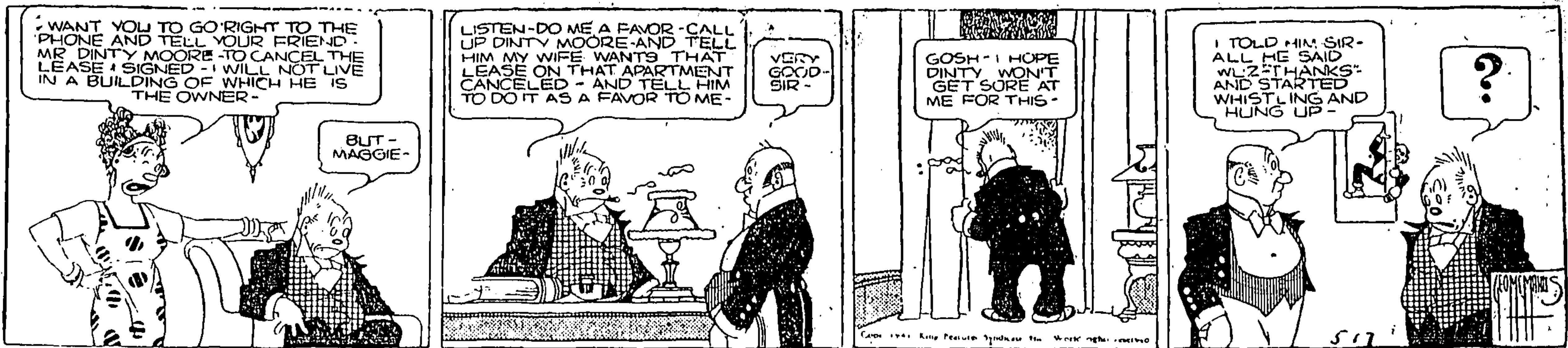
There have been delays, bottlenecks and shortages of skilled labour but they bear a diminishing relation to the national plant. Outputs are showing formidable increases here and the tempo is mounting rapidly.

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Air-Light Cosmetics

Cosmetic firms are getting down to a real science in presenting beauty aids which are light as a feather in weight and which can be packed in very limited space.

For face and hand washings for instance (which are frequent during any travel) there is a magical, transparent wafer which dissolves into a soap-like agent when moistened and not only removes all soil, but leaves your skin smooth and soft and faintly scented. Twenty-five of these marvellous cleansers come in one slim disc, and twenty-five discs take up not more space than an ordinary jar of cream. Soap enough for a summer's journey.

Other cleansing aids which women adore are those compressed bath sponges or cloths. They come in small discs which swell into fairly large cloths when thrown into the bath water. Once used they are discarded which eliminates packing the partly dry wash cloth.

Lotions Too, Condensed

Between little foil squares come flannel cleansing cloths already saturated with a very efficient cleansing lotion. Two of these cloths are adequate for giving a dusted face a thorough cleansing before putting on fresh make-up.

Last summer, but late, creams were introduced in capsule form — creams for dry skin, oily skin and normal skin. A puncture



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Tissues And Fragrance

Sheerer than a spider's web are some face tissues which come

six packages to the case, and what a delight they are to use. They consume less than half the space of ordinary tissues and give one a lovely sense of luxury when being used.

And if carrying fragrance has stumped you let me suggest one of those tiny atomettes which are easily filled with your favourite perfume and are definitely leak-proof. It takes a pressing of one end against your dress or skin to release the precious liquid and you may carry it in suitcase or handbag with the greatest of assurance.



After condensed consomme has been jelled in the can in the refrigerator empty it into a bowl and gently mix through it—
2 tablespoons of finely chopped tomato and 1 teaspoon chopped chives.
Or 1 tablespoon of finely chopped cucumber and 2 tablespoons tomato.
Jellied condensed consomme Madrillene is another soup that becomes something very special indeed when accented this way. After it has been jelled empty it into a bowl and mix through it—
3 tablespoons of finely chopped fresh tomato.
Or 4 tablespoons of finely chopped avocado.
Or 2 tablespoons of chopped cucumber.
Serve these soups in chilled cups with a wedge of lemon or lime.

JELLIED SOUP

By Dorothy Greig

Jellied soups look so cool that the mere sparkling sight of them on the table is refreshing. Their delicately edgy flavour delights, too.

In beginning a meal with jellied soup, plan to have something hot as the following dish because, of course, no meal should consist of all cold food. We need hot food, for good digestion's sake. Besides the contrast of hot food following the jellied soup steps up even further the enjoyment of both.

Nowadays serving jellied soup is no problem. Condensed consomme jells in the can when placed in the refrigerator; so do condensed consomme Madrillene and condensed consomme Prin-tanier. Just whisk open the cans and tumble out the sparkling amber jelly.

But here's a little trick for those occasions when you feel a 'gala' mood on the way. It consists of tomato jelly on the bottom of the cup and jellied consomme on top. The red shimmering through the amber of the consomme gives a truly enchanting two-tone effect.

Put it together this way:
For the Tomato Jelly:
3 cups tomato juice
½ lemon, sliced
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon gelatine (softened in ¼ cup cold water)

Combine tomato juice, sliced lemon, sugar and salt. Bring to boiling point and simmer for 10 minutes. Then strain over the softened gelatine, stir until gelatine is dissolved. Put in refrigerator and chill until stiff.

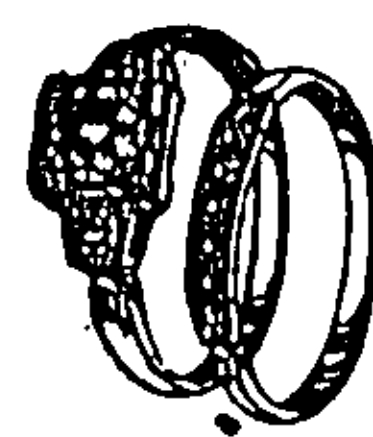
To serve: Fill chilled consomme cup 1/3 to 1/2 full of tomato jelly, then fill remainder of cup with jellied consomme Madrillene. Gay Accents for Jellied Soups:

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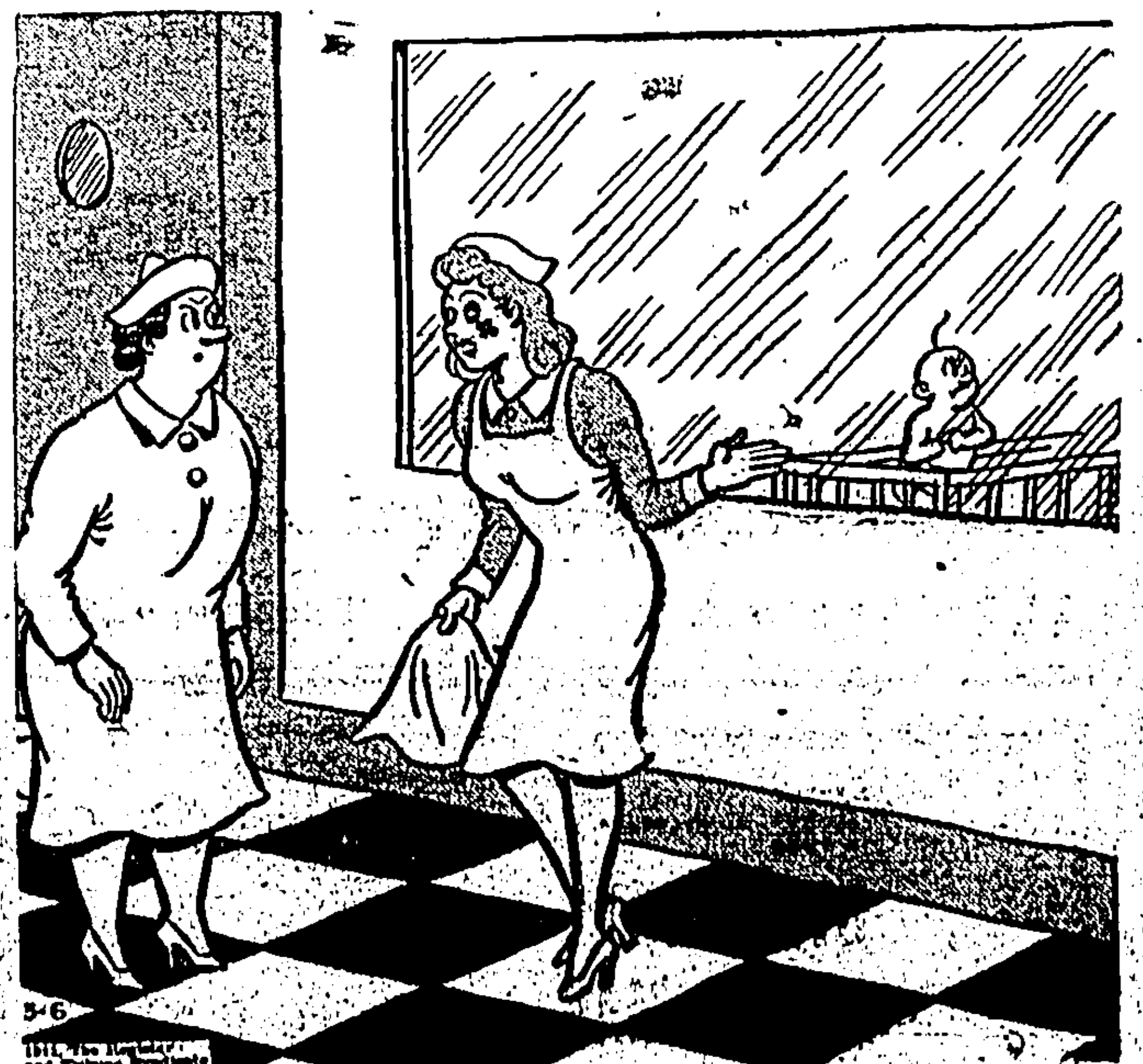
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The Hill Billy Band (Al & Bob Harvey); Susanna From Alabama (Ted & Ezra).... The Hill Billies with Novelty Accomp.
Home On The Range (Mr. & Mrs. William Godwin); The Last Round-Up (Billy Hill).... Hank Keeno (Vocal) with Violin, Banjo, Guitar & Piano.
Memories Of An Old Cow Hand (Hill Billies).... The Hill Billies with own Novelty Accomp.
Down The Old Road To Home (Rodgers & C. Harvey); Prairie Lullaby (Hill).... Jimmie Rodgers (Yodler).
7.17 p.m.—Piano Duets by Moreton and Kaye.
Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 29—Intro: I Can't Love You Any More; I Haven't Time To Be A Millionaire; We'll Go Smiling Along; Mist On The River; Fools Rush In; Make Believe Island.
Tin Pan Alley Medley—No. 30—Intro: Whose Little What's-It Are You?; Turn Your Money In Your Pocket; I'm Nobody's Baby; I'm Stepping Out With A Memory To-night; When the Swallows Come Back to Capistrano; Until You Fall In Love.
7.30 p.m.—"Hits from the Shows".
"Snow White & The Seven Dwarfs" (Walt Disney film) Chorus & Orchestra directed by Jay Wilbur.
"Spring Parade" Waiting In The Clouds (Robert & others) Deanna Durbin with Charles Previn's Orch.
"Andy Hardy Meets A Debutante"—I'm Nobody's Baby—Quick-Step—Oscar Rabin & his Band.
"Down Argentine Way"—Two Dreams Met (Gordon—Warren) Kenny Baker with Orchestra.
"Irene"—Alice Blue Gown—Waltz (McCarthy—Tierney) Glenn Miller & his Orchestra.
"The Road to Singapore"—Sweet Potato Piper (Burke—Monaco); "Typhoon"—Palms of Paradise (Loesser—Hollander).... Dorothy Lamour & Orchestra.
"Rhythm On The River"—Only For Ever (Burke—Monaco).... Al Bowlly & Jimmy Mesene with two guitars.
8.00 p.m.—London—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.
8.32 p.m.—Fritz Kreisler (Violin) and the London Symphony Orchestra.
Jota (De Falla); Spanish Serenade (Glazounov, arr. Kreisler).... Fritz Kreisler with Piano.
Persian Dances (Moussorgsky, arr. Rimsky-Korsakov).... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.
Dancing Doll (Poldini—Kreisler).... Fritz Kreisler with Piano.
Triumphal March (from "Caractacus" Op. 35—Elgar).... London Symphony Orchestra cond. by L. Collingwood.
Liebesleid (Love's Sorrow); Liebesfreud (Love's Joy).... Fritz Kreisler with Piano.
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Popular English Songs.
Widdicombe Fair (Arr. Jacob); Richard of Taunton Deane (Arr. Molloy).... Stuart Robertson & Male Chorus with Piano.
Jock The Fiddler; The Ballad-Monger; Fairings; Come To The Fair ("Songs of the Fair").... Percy Henning (Baritone) with Orchestra.
9.15 p.m.—Studio—Broadcast to Evacuated Families in Australia.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
The Clock and the Dresden China Figures (Ketelbey).... Ferdý Kaufman & his Orchestra; The Skaters—Waltz (Gung'l).... Marek Weber & his Orchestra; Sweet (Young).... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.
10.00 p.m.—London—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—New Dance Music and Variety.
Vocal—Good-morning, Sergeant-Major.
11.00 p.m.—London—"War Correspondence".
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

A. B. TURNS FILM STAR

An ordinary able seaman, Billy White, is the screen's newest star, writes Reg Whitley, "Daily Mirror" Film Critic.
He makes his highly successful twenty-minute documentary film made by the Crown Film Unit.
Acted entirely by a cast of actual seamen—they found Billy White aboard a ship returned from China—it is a real-life drama of a convoy.

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Billy joins a ship which is mortally hit, and is rescued by lifeboat "I'll get my own back," he says.
So he joins another ship, takes up a gunnery course, makes a perilous voyage through a mine-field and then spots a U-boat.
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WING WALKING PILOT QUELLS FIRE, SAVES CRIPPLED R.A.F. BOMBER

A SMOKING, CRIPPLED WELLINGTON NIGHT BOMBER LANDED AT A ROYAL AIR FORCE AERODROME, SAVED BY A WING-WALKING PILOT WHO FOUGHT FLAMES IN MID-AIR OVER THE TURBULENT NORTH SEA. THE WELLINGTON HAD HEADED HOME AFTER BOMBING MUENSTER, IN GERMANY, WHEN A MESSERSCHMITT 110 ROARED UP FROM BELOW WITH GUNS BLAZING AND RAKED IT FROM WING TIP TO WING TIP, THE CREW RELATED RECENTLY.

AID TO CHINA DOLLAR

The freezing of Chinese and Japanese assets by the democracies can be interpreted as an effective measure to put China's currency position on a firmer basis, says the "Kung Sheung Daily News," leading Chinese financial daily in Hong Kong.

What has troubled China most is that she, with the Anglo-American stabilisation fund in her hand, could not "feed" the Shanghai market with foreign exchange. To do this, would have meant to let the Japanese have exactly what they wanted.

Now the Shanghai banks, by virtue of the "freezing order," can refuse to sell foreign exchange to the Japanese, while they can sell to legitimate Chinese merchants with the approval of the authorities, the paper points out.

This can save for China a lot of foreign exchange.
If this aim is achieved, it is reasonable to believe that commodity prices in Shanghai will show a downward trend—that is to say, the national dollar will show an upward trend, the daily predicts.

ALL ITALIAN EAST AFRICA CONQUERED

First official announcement that the whole of the Italian East African Empire has now been conquered is made by the Foreign Office and War Office.
They state that "the whole of the territories, formerly known as Italian East Africa, are areas in occupation of His Majesty."
The Board of Trade have accordingly issued an order authorising the resumption of trade with persons within this area.—British Wireless.

Everything seemed to happen. The front gunner was wounded in the foot. The starboard engine was badly damaged. The radio was knocked out. The undercarriage flopped down. The bomb doors swung open. The pilot's cockpit filled with smoke.

A sheet of flame four feet long flared out where a gasoline feed pipe in the wing had been hit by a cannon shell.

Apparently confident that the bomber was nearly finished, the German plane closed in twenty yards. The Wellington's rear gunner fired a 200-round burst and the Messerschmitt went into a spin.

But the Wellington's trouble was just starting. She was over the Netherlands at the IJsselmeer (Zuider Zee) at 13,000 feet. The pilot headed for the nearest British land.

Flames raged in the wing. A crew member knocked a hole in the fuselage and pumped an extinguisher at the fire, but the propeller blast blew the chemical away. Then the crew tossed coffee on the flames, but the fire raged on.

The pilot turned the controls over to the navigator and climbed out on the wing. He kicked a hole in the upper surface to hold on to and tried to beat the fire out.

"Once or twice," he said, "I thought I was going."

Finally he stuffed the cockpit cover into the hole the flames were coming from and it seemed to smother them.

"All the time," he said, "I kept thinking it would be prison camp for us."

Over the North Sea the crew jettisoned the front guns, ammunition and all flares. It took an hour and a half to cross to the English shore.

When the bomber was still ten miles from England the gasoline line flared again, but suddenly died out. The pilot flew on and the radioman repaired the wireless outfit. When the plane reached a strange British aerodrome he sent the message: "We have been badly shot up. I hope we don't mess up your flare path when we land."

The plane landed without flaps or brakes—and without a crash.

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RUSSIAN WAR ANALYSED BY EXPERT

(By Col. Casado, Spanish Military Commentator)

A FEW WEEKS AGO TWO OF THE MOST POWERFUL ARMIES IN THE WORLD FACED ONE ANOTHER IN A VIOLENT STRUGGLE: THE GERMAN PREPARED FOR AN EXTENDED AND DEEP OFFENSIVE, THE RUSSIAN ORGANISED AND INSTRUCTED FOR FLEXIBLE AND AGGRESSIVE DEFENCE.

This substantial difference in their theories imposed a distinct strategic and tactical procedure which gave the struggle a singular and disconcerting appearance.

The first phase of the war on the German-Russia front has finished. An impartial and objective analysis of military facts now apparent permits us to draw lessons and to form a few conclusions therefrom.

The form in which operations have developed allows one to understand the methods of tactical action by both armies.

The German High Command tries by all methods to encircle its adversary with the object of grinding him between the powerful claws of its military machine. This method of action, which complies with the theory of the German, tallies with the necessity of destroying the Russian army rapidly. Conquest of ground, including vital objectives, has a secondary value for the German army, and it is not venturesome to think that deep advances constitute one of its greatest anxieties.

Dynamic Defence

The Russian High Command—to judge by facts—adjusts its action to the development of an aggressive and dynamic defence in which the principal role is played by partial and combined counter-attacks: massive and persistent action by the air force on the enemy's aerodromes and mechanised columns; and the extension of extensive plans of destruction and sabotage, brought about by organised skirmishers (guerrillas) in the rear of the German army.

That is to say that the directive of tactical and strategic action by the Russian Command may be defined thus: To produce the greatest waste by the enemy on the ground, and preserve at all costs the capacity to resist, even when it has become necessary to yield large expanses of territory.

Results Studied

In order to appreciate the greatest or less efficacy of both methods of action, let us analyse the results of operations hitherto carried out. It is evident that the German Command has profited by the effects of strategic surprise; but it is no less certain that this benefit has been remarkably nullified by the tactical action of the Russian army—an action which surprised the opposing command.

The main offensive action (which culminated in the double battle of Minsk and Bialystok), in spite of surprise, clashed against a well articulated defence, strongly reinforced and cleverly led, a defence which fulfilled its specific mission since it inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and gained the time necessary for the main bodies of its army to adopt and command positions.

Secondary offensive actions (Finland and Bessarabia), in spite of repeated attacks, were paralysed before tenacious resistance.

Soviet Position Better

Analysis of the result of the struggle induces us to formulate the following conclusions:

1. Notwithstanding the considerable volume of forces and materials used, and the great losses suffered by both belligerent forces in the struggle, this first phase must be considered solely as "large scale covering operations."

2. The German advance, 150 miles in the first week, 100 in the second week, and 50 in the third

O.B.E. FOR LT. COL. R. D. WALKER

A telegram has been received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies to say that His Majesty has approved the award of O.B.E. (Military) to Lieut. Col. R. D. Walker, M.C. This award was published in England on July 1, 1941.

week, indicates an emphatic limit of its capacity for penetration, brought about solely by the lightning capacity of the Russian army, whose composition has brought out in high relief the worth and spirit of its troops, the volume and quality of materials and, above all, the efficiency of its tactics against lightning war (Blitzkrieg).

3. The German High Command has said that the first phase was completed in order to adopt attacking dispositions for the great battle and to standardise the flow of supplies which must be very unsettled as the consequence of devastation and sabotage by the enemy in the rearward zone of its army.

4. The Russian army in the second phase will be on very much more favourable terms, on ground strongly organised in depth and supplied by shorter and stronger lines of communications. On the other hand, the German army will commence action on more unfavourable terms, since it will have to work on the basis of huge losses in the defence of positions and its own supply line will be longer and weaker—heater.

'THREW GIRL OVER BRIDGE' CHARGE

Herbert Uno Theodor Olsson, a young Swedish seaman, was alleged at Aberdeen to have murdered Katharine Graham on a bridge at Aberdeen "by forcing her or throwing her over the parapet of the bridge, a distance of 30 feet."

Olsson, who through an interpreter pleaded "Not guilty," was sent for trial to the High Court of Justiciary, Aberdeen.

MAJOR ON MURDER CHARGE

Major William MacKinnon Gray, 39, was at Radstock, near Bath, remanded on a charge of murdering his wife at Chilcompton. He was also charged with attempted suicide.

ONE UPSET IN OPEN BOWLS ENCOUNTERS

The Colony Lawn Bowls Championship programme yesterday was made up of a Third Round Rinks match and two Second Round pairs games, highlight of which was the victory scored by K. M. Omar and S. R. Solina, of Craigengower C.C. over their club-mates, C. S. Rosset and L. Gaddi.

In the other Pairs match E. W. Simmonds and F. Goodwin went down to C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares after an interesting game in which the winners scored a 5 which turned out to be the biggest count yesterday.

Another surprise was caused when the Stanley rink comprising W. McCarrach, G. V. McGrath, G. Foster and T. Pile beat W. K. Way, E. Zimmern, T. Lock and T. A. Madar.

Surprise Result

On the Police R.C. green, K. M. Omar and S. R. Solina beat L. Gaddi and C. S. Rosset 25-16.

Both Rosset and Omar had been on the unfit list—Rosset with an eye injury and Omar with a bout of fever—and this was their first appearance on the green for a matter of a week or so.

It was not surprising, therefore, that neither of them produced their best form, though each in turn sent down an occasional good wood.

Rosset, conceding a single at the 1st, notched up 2 0 1 2 1 4 to lead 10-2 at the 7th, and at this stage indications were that they would pull through to the Third Round. Omar and his partner, however, had other ideas, and a run of 2 2 5 4 1 gave them a lead of 16-10 at the 12th, after which they never looked back. They chalked up another round dozen at the last nine heads, allowing their opponents just half that total to make the final score 28-16 in their favour. They had scored at 13 ends. Scores were:—

C.S.R.: 0 2 0 1 2 1 4 0 0 0 0 2 0 3
0 0 1 0 0 0
K.M.O.: 1 0 1 0 0 0 2 2 5 4 1 0 3 0
1 4 0 1 2 1

Recreio Pair Through

At Kowloon Football Club C. M. Silva and F. X. Soares beat E. W. C. Simmonds and F. Goodwin by 22-18.

Without detracting from their victory, the Portuguese pair were lucky to pull through as Simmonds was bowling much better than Silva at lead while there was very little to choose between the skips but Soares definitely had what luck that was going and that, more than anything else, was the deciding factor.

This was particularly emphasised at the 10th end when Goodwin, leading 8-7, went down to bowl with the opposition lying 5. Goodwin tried to trail the jack, but he had been successful his pair might have "lived to fight another day," but his last wood went through a port that was just wide enough for the passage of one, with barely a fraction of an inch clearance on either side.

Having thus established the lead for the first time, the Portuguese pair never looked back and though Goodwin and his partner fought every inch of the remaining 11 heads, Soares and his partner held out to win with 4 shots to spare after scoring at 12 ends. Scores were:—

F.X.S.: 1 0 0 0 2 1 1 1 1 5 0 2 4 0 2 1
0 0 0 0 1
F.C.G.: 0 3 2 3 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 0 0
3 1 1 1 0

Stanley Four Win

At Hong Kong Football Club, T. Pile's rink (McCarrach, McGrath and Foster) beat T. A. Madar's four (Way, Zimmern and Lock) by 28 shots to 8.

On the run of the play, Pile's rink were full value for their victory, each man pulling his weight to the extent of leaving the opposition very little scope.

Madar's four were by no means bowling badly, but it was just that the Stanleyites were always a shade better with their woods, so that whenever the ships went down to bowl it was more a question of how many Madar could save rather than how many he could score.

In a rink where everybody played his part so well, it would be invidious to pick out any individual, but a special word of praise must be given for the way the Stanley front men laid the foundation for victory.

Pile's four jumped away to a match-winning start with 2 0 4 2 1 1 0 0 1 0 2 0 3 3 1 1 to lead 22-8 at the 17th, and a 3 at the next end proved Madar's last effort and a run of 1 3 2 by Pile brought his total to 28, scored at 15 ends.

W. McCarrach, W. K. Way, G. V. McGrath, E. Zimmern, G. Foster, T. Lock, T. Pile (s), 28, T. A. Madar (s) 8

SIGNALS BEATEN AT LAST

Royal Corps of Signals, undefeated in 17 games in the Y.M.C.A. invitation Water-Polo Tournament, lost their 100 per cent. record yesterday when they were beaten by Navy "C" by two clear goals at the Navy pool.

Y.M.C.A., second in the table, failed to take advantage of Signals' lapse as they themselves were surprised by Royal Scots "A" and lost by the odd goal in seven.

These two results have now brought Middlesex "A" back into the running for championship honours.

Following were the results of games played yesterday:—

Navy "C".....	2	Signals.....	0
Willson (2).....			
5th A.A., R.A.....	5	Small Units.....	3
Clarke, Robinson, Giffin, Yabsley and Molyneux.....		McDonald (2) and Knightley.....	
Y.....	3	Royal Scots "A".....	4
Willson, Benn and May.....		Slater (2), Byrne and Sutherland.....	
Middlesex "A".....	5	Royal Scots "B".....	1
Jennings (2), Bindon (2) and Highland.....		Bankier.....	
36th R.A.....	1	Middlesex "B".....	6
Goodenough.....		Smith (4), Radly and Peacock.....	

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Signals.....	18	17	1	1	97	16	33
Middlesex "A".....	17	14	1	2	90	19	30
Y.M.C.A.....	17	14	3	0	85	22	28
R. Navy "A".....	17	11	5	1	56	27	24
R. Navy "C".....	15	10	4	1	55	33	21
R. Navy "B".....	17	4	6	2	47	41	20
C. Small Units.....	17	8	8	1	46	58	17
8th Regt. R.A.....	14	5	7	2	39	35	12
Middlesex "B".....	16	5	10	1	35	58	11
5th A.A. Regt. R.A.....	16	4	9	2	36	48	10
965th Bty. R.A.....	16	2	12	2	28	79	6
R. Navy "B".....	10	2	7	1	11	40	5
36th Bty. R.A.....	16	1	13	1	17	73	3
R. Scots "B".....	16	0	15	1	16	73	1

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MR. YUEN YAU-SHUN EMBARKS ON NEW SOCCER VENTURE

PUI NGAI RECREATION CLUB, ONE OF THE NEW TEAMS TO THIRD DIVISION FOOTBALL, THIS COMING SEASON, WAS FORMED IN FEBRUARY, 1940, WHEN MR. YUEN YAU-SHUN AND A NUMBER OF THE COLONY'S LEADING CHINESE MANUFACTURERS FELT THE NEED OF A CLUB TO CATER TO THE DEMANDS OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF FACTORY EMPLOYEES WHO WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO JOIN OTHER CHINESE CLUBS.

Mr. Yuen, who is trainer and manager of the Pui Ngai football team, has had considerable experience in this line, having previously been closely associated with South China Athletic Association, Kau Wa Association, Eastern Football Club and then the Kit Chee football team. He

was also founder-member of Chinese Athletic Association which, some years ago, was one of the leading First Division football teams in the Colony.

Talking about the tentative composition of the Pui Ngai team, Mr. Yuen said that the chances were that the team would be changed about considerably during the season.

"It is not the object of the club to win trophies. Nothing is further from our minds, though we will be out to do our best. Our real object is to give every playing member a chance to participate in the League, and for that reason I do not think we will do well from the 'matches won' point of view, though we will feel amply rewarded if, at the end of the season, Pui Ngai players can honestly say that they have played the game."

V.R.C. GALA HEATS

HEATS FOR THE VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB INTRA-MEMBERS' SWIMMING GALA ON SATURDAY WERE SWUM OFF YESTERDAY, WHEN THE FOLLOWING QUALIFIED TO SWIM IN THE FINALS:

Girls' 25 Yards Free-Style (Handicap):—Miss I. Osmund (20 1/5 secs.), Miss T. Noronha (20 1/5 secs.), Miss C. Yolle (20 2/5 secs.), Miss T. Yvanovich (17 3/5 secs.), Miss P. Jorge (22 1/5 secs.).

Men's 100 Yards Free-Style (Handicap):—"B" Class:—F. M. Britto (83 3/5 secs.), E. E. Remedios (70 secs.), P. Rull (68 secs.), H. Reynolds (70 2/5 secs.), H. Silva (72 2/5 secs.).

Boys' 50 Yards Back-Stroke (Handicap):—J. Roza-Pereira (34 4/5 secs.), R. Souza (41 secs.), J. Anderson (42 secs.), W. Ribeiro (43 secs.) and J. Carvalho (45 secs.).

Men's 100 Yards Free-Style (Handicap):—"A" Class:—Roza-Pereira (62 secs.) and L. M. Remedios (65 secs.). Ladies' 25 Yards Back-Stroke (Handicap):—Miss M. Noronha (21 secs.), Miss Y. Yolle (24 secs.), Miss E. Grant (20 secs.), Miss C. Gutterres (18 2/5 secs.) and Miss J. Anderson (19 secs.).

Boys' 50 Yards Free-Style Handicap:—J. Roza-Pereira (31 1/5 secs.), R. Souza (35 4/5 secs.), A. Remedios (32 4/5 secs.), T. Remedios (37 2/5 secs.) and F. Baptista (34 secs.).

Men's 50 Yards Back-Stroke Handicap:—F. Noronha (38 secs.), L. Roza-Pereira (33), P. Rull (40 secs.), E. E. Remedios (35 2/5 secs.) and H. Reynolds (36 secs.).

TRIANGULAR SWIMMING MEET ON SAT.

Chinese Bathing Club, South China Athletic Association and Hong Kong University have arranged a triangular swimming gala for Saturday next at 7.15 p.m. at Chinese Bathing Club, North Point, in aid of the Chinese Medical Relief Fund.

Following is the programme:—Men's 50 Metres free-style. Men's 100 Metres breast-stroke. Ladies' 100 Metres free-style Invitation Relay.

Men's 200 Metres free-style relay. Men's 200 Metres breast-stroke. Men's 400 Metres free-style. Diving.

Men's 150 Metres Medley. Men's 100 Metres back-stroke. Ladies' 200 Metres breast-stroke (Open).

Men's 100 Metres free-style. Denver University's Pioneers play seven of their nine grid games at home next season.



R. K. Collings, left, and T. B. Low, who won the First Summer Foursomes of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at the Valley during the week-end.

SAPPERS' FOOTBALL STRENGTH

By "Referee"

Royal Engineers, newcomers to First Division of Hong Kong Football League are fortunate in that they will have the services of all the players who have done so well in Second Division for the past few seasons, while they will be strengthened by several newcomers.

Among the new arrivals recently are some who have played in good circles at home, among these being SIMPSON, a useful full-back or right-half, RUSSELL, who is equally at home at right-half as on the right-wing, CLARK, a goalkeeper, GRANT, a full-back, BOAG, a centre-forward, and FIELDING, a full-back.

These players have not yet settled down to local conditions, but it is expected that the majority of them will find a place in the senior team.

If Boag comes up to expectations, Sappers' forward line will be greatly strengthened as they will then be able to play Fox, their usual leader, at inside-right, and Pelham will probably be seen in his old position as inside-left.

Following was the Sappers' team which played in the last few matches of last season:—Moxham, Palmer and Tang Chung-pak; Taylor, Shaw and Birrell; Li Wailum, Jones, Fox, Pelham and Chan Kum-poy.

Following have so far been registered with Football Association for the coming season: T. S. Simpson, F. Russell, Moxham, French, Clark, Goss, McAndrews, L. Jones, Birrell, F. Jones, Grant, Sarfield, Waugh, Palmer, Shaw, Cork, Brown, Boag, Byers, Tropp, Taylor, Pelham, Spencer, Fielding, Hill, Gilzean and Moore.

F. FOWLER NOMINATED CAPTAIN

The soccer section of Hong Kong Football Club held their last meeting of the season when officials and representatives on the General Committee were elected, for recommendation at the Annual Meeting.

It was decided at the meeting that the Club would be prepared to play a few games on Sundays if necessary, to relieve the congestion of fixtures, and an appeal was made to the junior players to do their best to turn out regularly so that the Second Division team would do better than last season.

F. Fowler was unanimously nominated captain of the senior team with A. Upton as vice-captain.

Following were the members nominated for recommendation at the Annual Meeting:—

HONG KONG'S CHANCES CONSIDERED BRIGHT IN INTER-COLONIAL SHOOT

AS THE RESULT OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE MINIATURE RIFLE SECTION OF THE HONG KONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION, INTEREST IN SMALL BORE SHOOTING HAS INCREASED SO TREMENDOUSLY THAT THOSE IN CHARGE OF THE SECTION HAVE ALREADY ENTERED TWO TEAMS FOR THE 1941 INTER-COLONIAL SMALL BORE MATCH, ONE IN THE APERTURE SIGHT SECTION AND ONE IN THE OPEN SIGHTS.

The last time Hong Kong took part in the Inter-Colonial competition was in 1937, when to the surprise of most people, the Colony representatives finished 9th out of 17 entries in the aperture sights section.

In an interview with Mr. A. F. Evans, organizer and Hon. Secretary of the Miniature Rifle League, the "China Mail" learned that chances of a Colony win in the Open Sights are extremely rosy.

SOUTH CHINA MAINTAIN 100 PER CENT.

Only two of the five game arranged for yesterday in Third Division of Lawn Tennis League were played, one of which resulted in South China maintaining their unbeaten record at the expense of Chinese Recreation Club (2).

The games between Army and Chinese Recreation Club (1) and Kowloon Tong and University were postponed owing to the unfit state of the ground while the remaining game between Kowloon Cricket Club and Craigengower was not played owing to Volunteer duties.

K.I.T.C. Win

At King's Park, Kowloon Indian Tennis Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 5 sets to 4.

S. A. Hussain and G. M. Khan (K.I.T.C.) beat A. M. Rumjahn and I. Kitchell 6-4 beat A. Rumjahn and M. A. Wahab 6-3 lost to M. P. Madar and A. R. H.

Esmail 5-7 Dr. S. A. M. Sepher and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.) beat Rumjahn and Kitchell 6-2 beat Rumjahn and Wahab 6-2 beat Madar and Esmail 6-2

T. Tirth and Yacob Khan (K.I.T.C.) lost to Rumjahn and Kitchell 1-6 lost to Rumjahn and Wahab 5-7 lost to Madar and Esmail 0-6

Points For South China

At Causeway Bay, Chinese Recreation Club (2) lost to South China by 8 sets to 3 in Third Division of the Tennis League yesterday.

T. C. Lu and E. Wong (C.R.C.) beat J. Hsu and H. C. Kwok 6-3 lost to K. H. Ip and S. Y. Li 3-6 beat K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong 6-1 K. C. Ng and Y. Y. Lam (C.R.C.) beat Hsu and Kwok 6-0 lost to Ip and Li 4-6 lost to Chan and Wong 2-6 F. K. Lau and C. C. Chiu (C.R.C.) lost to Hsu and Kwok 4-6 lost to Ip and Li 5-7 lost to Chan and Wong 3-6

Table To Date

	Sets	P.W.L.	D.F.A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	6	0	0	41 1/2
A.T.C.	6	5	1	40 1/2
C.R.C. (2)	7	5	2	43
C.D.R.	5	4	1	31
C.C.C.	5	4	1	28 1/2
K.I.T.C.	5	3	2	28
K.C.C.	6	2	4	16
C.R.C. (1)	3	2	0	12 1/2
H.K.U.T.C.	6	1	5	17 1/2
K.T.G.C.A.	5	1	4	10 1/2
I.R.C.	7	0	7	13

Senior Soccer vice-captain: Mr. A. Upton. Junior Soccer captain: Mr. A. Gratton. Representative on Council of Football Association: Mr. J. Skinner. Members on General Committee: Messrs. A. Watson and W. M. Thompson. Selection Committee: Messrs. A. Watson, W. M. Thompson, F. Fowler, A. Upton and A. Gratton.

"The average score of the winning team in last year's competition was 84," Mr. Evans said, "and in the few League matches that we have had so far a good many scores of 90 or thereabouts have been returned. That is indeed an encouraging sign," he added.

Mr. Evans said that as the League progressed he expected to see better results, for with more practice in Small Bore shooting (which Colony rifle shots did not have much opportunity of indulging in to any great extent in the past), improvements were inevitable.

Mr. Evans said that teams for the Inter-Colonial matches this year would be selected from results in the League, the best shots in the aperture and open sights divisions to be selected automatically.

The 1937 Team

When the Colony took part in the match in 1937, the Hong Kong team comprised:—

C. P. O. Pellow, Cpl. E. T. Morris, C. Watson, Sergt. C. R. Mannell, Cpl. R. Tonkings, Capt. F. G. Ratcliffe, Sergt. A. J. Crossman and Sergt. G. J. Perkins.

Although Mr. Evans is not taking an active part in the League at the present, being much too busy with the great amount of work involved in checking cards and other secretarial duties, he is a very keen rifle shot and in 1940 qualified for the Final 20 in the shoot for the Governor's Cup at the local Bisley Meeting.

Prior to coming out to Hong Kong in 1938, Mr. Evans had shot for the North Hull Rifle Club and Royal Air Force in Halton, Buckinghamshire. This is his first experience of running a Rifle League of any sort, and though more work was attached to it than he had bargained for, Mr. Evans said it was well worth the trouble as he had received wonderful support from all the rifle teams in the Colony.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the probable teams:—

P.O.R.C. (1) v. C.B.A. J.R.C. v. I.R.C. F.C. v. K.I.T.C. S.C.A.A. v. C.R.C. C.C.C. v. P.O.R.C. (2)

P.O.R.C. (1):—J. Howlett and W. G. Morrison; D. Flitches and Y. S. Fung; S. S. Chim and S. K. Chim.

P.O.R.C. (2):—C. I. Chan and T. M. Castilho; C. C. Lam and Lai Fat; K. W. Wong and T. F. Ho.

C.R.C.:—K. M. Wong and K. C. Lai; C. N. Tsang and S. T. Ng; Lu Tak-lam and T. Y. Leung.

J.R.C.:—B. Godkin and S. Ramler; A. R. Pollak and M. Talan; A. Odell and E. Whitgob.

Filipino Club:—K. K. Ip and B. Poon; T. S. Hsu and T. Koo; P. Poon and L. da Souza.

I.R.C.:—U. A. Rumjahn and A. J. Sufiad; G. Singh and M. H. Hassan; M. Hussain and M. I. Razack.

K.I.T.C.:—K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan; K. Singh and J. Singh; J. Dad and Ramchand.

Hal Schumacher of New York Giants has more on the ball than at any time since the right-hander chipped the bone in his arm three years ago.

South China beat Sing Tao 31-30 in an interesting game in the Basketball League yesterday, while National University beat Police 60-29.

South China A.A.:—Chung Ling (14), Shok Chun-tat (10), Chow Kit-man (4), Shok Chun-chi (1), Ng Sun-chu (2), Sing Tai (2), Lo Chun-tuen (13), Chan Si-bun (6), Chan Yu-shing (2), Lee Fui-chik (4), Loung (1).

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BOWLS LEAGUE CHANGES FOR SATURDAY FEW ATTEND GOODWOOD SUBSTITUTE

Kowloon Cricket Club are turning out the same team in First Division as the one that did duty for them last week when they lost, on aggregate, to Kowloon Docks in the Lawn Bowls League.

In Second Division, however, a few positional changes have been made. J. M. Jack will have the same rink, but L. Jack will be leading Capell, Overy and Fabel as compared with his team of Gray, Broadbridge and Overy last Saturday.

Meadows, who was skip to Capell, Fincher and Fabel last week, will have Gray, Fincher and Curtis as his front men this time.

Butler Skipping

Electric R.C. are making a few changes in their line-up for their match this week against Craigengower in Third Division.

One change is noted in Gardner's rink, in the No. 2 position, where Groomer comes in place of McAlpine. Lunny will be leading Everett, Way and Owens as against his rink of Owens, Gahagan and Butler last week. In the third rink Paul will not be available as skip and that position goes to Butler, No. 3 to Lunny last week. He will have Stonehouse, Stoker and Barron in his side. Last week Paul led Turbuck, Groomer and Sloan.

No H.K.F.C. Changes

Hong Kong Football Club are making no changes at all in their bowls teams for this week-end. Last Saturday their Second Division team lost to Recreio, while their Third Division team beat Electric. This time they will be playing Hong Kong Cricket Club in both Divisions, the Second Division team at Happy Valley and the Third Division match at Chater Road.

Hong Kong Cricket Club are making only one change in their Second Division team—in Goodwin's rink, where Edwards comes in as No. 3 in place of Duncan, who is not available this week-end.

3rd Division Reshuffle

In the Third Division team there are a number of changes. Abraham will have Beddow and Ryan as Nos. 1 and 2 instead of Ryan and Doughty respectively, the latter going to the same position in Cassidy's four.

Hamilton retains Valentini as lead, but the "middle men" here will be Lambert and Monaghan instead of Owen-Hughes and Mitchell. The last named will be lead to Cassidy, who will have Doughty and McKellar as Nos. 2 and 3 respectively. The third rink last week comprised Monaghan, Shrigley, Cassidy and McKellar.

Two K.F.C. Rinks Intact

Two of the Kowloon Football Club rinks are intact for their Second Division match against Kowloon Cricket Club, the only changes made from last week's team being in Kern's rink, where Naeff and Eastman replace Fuller and Ogden in the first two positions.

In Third Division Smalley will lead Frost, Williams, and Downman this week as against his team of Williams, Frost and Abbas of July 19.

Ogden, who played in Second Division last week as No. 2 to Kern, will have a rink comprising Cross, Woodcock and McIntyre. On the last occasion that K.F.C. played in Third Division (on July 19) Ogden had Cross, Thompson and McIntyre playing for him. There is only one change in Ferguson's rink, in the No. 2 position, where Abbas replaces Wong.

C.C.C. Full Team

With the return of A. E. Coates, C. S. Rosslett and K. M. Omar, Craigengower's first team is again at full strength and there are no changes in the regular line-up.

In the Third Division side, with no calls from the Second Division team, there has been a complete re-shuffling of the rinks.

C. W. Lam, S. Leonard and N. J. Karanjia, who played in Second Division last week, return to Third Division, where Karanjia will again skip a rink. C. W. Lam will be No. 3 with F. X. Delgado as lead and F. K. Modi, who skipped last week, No. 2.

Franks, who played for seniors last week, returns to Coelho's rink as No. 3, while L. M. Roza, No. 3 last week, will be seen as lead in place of Li Shui-wing.

Medina's rink is completely changed. S. Leonard will lead in place of R. K. Pavri, who goes No. 2 with D. A. Rozario, an absentee last week, No. 3.

No Changes

Taikoo Club, who beat Kowloon Cricket Club by 2 rinks to 1 in Second Division at Cox's Road last week, are fielding the same team this Saturday against Recreio, the match being scheduled to take place at Taikoo.

Kowloon Tong last played on July 12, as their game on July 19 against Hong Kong Cricket Club was postponed on account of Volunteer duties and they drew a bye last week. For their game to-morrow, against Prison Officers' Club at Stanley, this week-end, no changes have been made, the same team having been selected as that which beat Recreio on all rinks on July 12.

Following are the selected teams:

ELECTRIC

Third Division (v Craigengower C.C., Home):—A. G. Everett, J. R. Way, R. A. Owens and J. E. Lunny (skip); W. Stonehouse, W. Stoker, J. F. Barron and R. C. Butler (skip); F. Gregory, E. L. Groomer, W. E. Macfarlane and A. G. Gardner (skip). Reserve: J. Barron.

KOWLOON C.C.

First Division (v Police R.C., Home):—A. E. Perry, R. T. Broadbridge, W. Mulcahy and E. C. Fincher (skip); N. D. Lloyd, A. W. Smith, G. E. Taylor and N. J. Bebbington (skip); A. E. P. Guest, A. W. Ramsey, W. W. Parsons and T. A. Madar (skip).

Second Division (v Kowloon F.C., Away):—A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, R. Leigh and J. M. Jack (skip); R. S. Capell, H. Overy, F. A. Fabel and L. Jack (skip); S. A. Gray, E. F. Fincher, E. C. Curtis and R. S. Meadows (skip).

HONG KONG F.C.

Second Division (v Hong Kong C.C., Home):—A. B. Coleman, J. D. Thomson, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (skip); A. Watson, J. Gelling, C. Needham and W. Macfarlane (skip); R. P. Shaw, C. B. Robertson, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (skip). Reserves: C. Carr and A. McAlpine.

Third Division (v Hong Kong C.C., Home):—T. H. Pearce, B. I. Bickford, G. E. Stephens, B. A. Mansell (skip); K. Forrow, J. M. Thomson, A. G. Gratton and G. S. Graver (skip); A. Hanley, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Ralston (skip).

HONG KONG C.C.

Second Division (v Hong Kong F.C., Away):—S. L. Lloyd, J. C. Haigh, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello.

(Skip): G. G. Aitkenhead, T. R. Rowell, R. A. Edwards and F. Goodwin (Skip); R. R. Davis, E. Hospes, A. Nissim and A. W. Brown (Skip).

Third Division (v Hong Kong F.C., Home):—H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, H. F. Shields and E. S. Abraham (Skip); D. J. Valentine, W. R. Lam.

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bert, T. C. Monaghan and P. J. A. Hamilton (Skip); A. S. Mitchell, E. S. Doughty, A. McKellar and P. S. Cassidy (Skip).

TAIKOO CLUB

Second Division (v Recreio, Home):—I. A. Gibson, D. Coull, C. Bovaird and J. A. Watson (Skip); W. G. McKie, J. C. Pulson, R. Main and W. Melrose (Skip); J. Nimmo, F. Thomson, F. Hillon and J. C. Chalmers (Skip). Reserves:—W. Cunningham and A. MacArthur.

KOWLOON TONG

Second Division (v P. O. Club, Away):—H. A. Castro, A. Madar, A. F. Castro and A. J. Kew (Skip); N. A. E.

MacKay, T. K. Lim, J. N. Wong and J. L. Stephens (Skip); H. Gitting, M. S. Phoon, N. J. Howard, and A. Spary (Skip). Reserve:—J. Tang.

CRAIGENGOWER

First Division (v Recreio "B", Away, At 4.30 p.m.):—J. W. Leonard, L. C. R. Souza, A. E. Coates and B. W. Bradbury (Skip); A. M. Omar, K. M. Omar, R. Basa and U. M. Omar (Skip); A. A. Razack, L. Gaddi, J. S. Landolt and C. S. Rosselet (Skip).

Third Division (v Electric, Away, At 4.00 p.m.):—L. M. Roza, A. E. S. Alves, E. S. Franks and A. J. Coelho (Skip); F. X. Delgado, F. K. Modi, Dr. C. W. Lam and Dr. N. P. Karanjia (Skip); S. Leonard, R. K. Pavri, D. A. Rozario and M. J. Medina (Skip).

KOWLOON F.C.

Second Division (v Kowloon C.C., Home):—A. Lapsley, W. Ogley, V. Atienza and P. Youngusband (Skip); B. D. Evans, A. A. Dand, V. Chittenden and W. V. Field (Skip); W. Naeff, A. E. Eastman, W. C. Simpson and E. Kern (Skip).

Third Division (v Indian R.C., Away):—G. Frost, B. Williams, C. Downman and J. T. Smalley (Skip); G. Cross, C. Woodcock, A. Macintyre and R. M. Ogden (Skip); B. Thompson, Y. Abbas, C. M. Fuller and T. Ferguson (Skip). Reserves:—J. Gibson and W. Thomson.

Except for the titles of the faces there were few signs that the substitute for the "Glorious Goodwood" race meeting was being held yesterday at Newmarket.

There were fewer people than at any previous Newmarket meeting this season.

The main event was the Steward's Handicap, a substitute for the Steward's Cup, which Herman Jennings's outsider Valtheima won at 100 to 8. Valtheima beat another outsider in Lady Henderson's Love's Revelry by a head in a thrilling six furlongs race in which the 100 to 30 favourite Zaitor, owned by Mr. Miles, was only half a length behind.—Reuter.

Panthers beat Cyclones by the only goal scored, by Ward, in a hockey game on roller skates yesterday.

Entries for the Inter-school swimming meet, organised by Victoria Recreation Club, close to-day.

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U.S. To Stick To "Hard-Boiled" Policy In Pacific

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE JAPANESE PRESS CAMPAIGNERS ARE CONCENTRATING THEIR FIRE ON THE DUTCH EAST INDIES AND THE UNITED STATES, BEING PARTICULARLY BITTER AT THE DECISION OF THE N.E.I. TO ALIGN THEMSELVES WITH BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

MANILA MARU DETENTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Detention of a Japanese steamer, the Manila Maru, in South African waters, has aroused hostile comment in Japan.

The "Hochi Shimbun" says that Tokyo is watching calmly all hostile moves, ready to reply in kind.

The detention of the Manila Maru in Capetown is explained as a guarantee for a legal claim. The vessel is being held to ensure that the Belgium Maru puts into Port Durban to discharge a rich cargo.

The Japanese newspapers, a violent anti-American press campaign, -- International News Service.

The "Nichi-Nichi" declares: "The oil embargo is an insult, and cannot be regarded as economic reprisals, but as a political act."

The "Hochi Shimbun" asserts: The Japanese are preparing counter-measures which will be applied with full force at a moment's notice.

Mr. Miyamoto, Deputy President of the Planning Board, declaring that Japanese troops are still moving into Indo-China, that the Government is waiting calmly all British and American moves of a hostile nature ready to strike back in kind, added: "The Government is fully prepared to measure up to any situation likely to develop from the combination of Britain and the United States in the Far East."

In Washington, a Government official is credited with the statement that any Japanese move against the Netherlands East Indies would bring

immediate war with Britain. He added that the Japanese coup in Indo-China has "offensive capabilities," but no further Japanese moves, north or south, are expected until there comes clarification of the situation on the Russo-German front, and the subsequent repercussions can be foreseen.

American Policy

The American Government has decided upon a "hard-boiled" attitude towards the Japanese.

If there are no further serious developments, America is willing to continue commercial relations on a strictly controlled basis, but any direct or indirect threats against democratic interests in the Pacific will be met with swift retaliation.

Official quarters said: "America has taken a lot from Japan in the past. We do not intend to take any more without striking back, economically and diplomatically." -- International News Service.

JAPAN'S CAPACITY FOR WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The War Department in Washington is expected to submit legislation to Congress at an early date, requesting an outlay of US\$53,000,000 to convert Manila defences into a Far East Gibraltar.

The Philippines will become the Army's major base in the Far East.

Military quarters state that any Japanese attempt to occupy the Philippines would involve a major operation, requiring large segments of the Japanese army and navy.

The opinion is also held that unless the Japanese forces in Indo-China receive further large reinforcements, they can be regarded as sufficient only for occupation, not for further aggression.

Advices reaching Washington from Tokyo, however, indicate that the Japanese have called up an additional 300,000 men in the last ten days, though it is believed that saturation point would be reached in Japan. If they completed a muster of 68 divisions, while they have no armoured divisions capable of blitz operations.

IN SIBERIA, THE JAPANESE WOULD NEED AT LEAST 20 DIVISIONS TO UNDERTAKE AN OFFENSIVE. -- INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

STOP PRESS

Thirteen cholera cases, four in Victoria and nine in Kowloon, were notified to the Medical Department in the 24 hours ended at midnight. There were also eight dysentery cases, and 41 of tuberculosis.

SERIOUS REVERSE FOR NAZIS

(Continued from Page 1) CLED, HE STATED. -- INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

Intense Fighting

The present Russian counter-attacks might be the start of larger ones, though evidence in London of a major Russian counter-offensive is lacking.

Everything depends on material, equipment, and the number of men available.

There is still intense fighting in the Pskov, Smolensk and Kiev areas.

The Russians have launched strong counter-attacks, particularly in the Smolensk sector.

The Germans have made no progress anywhere apart perhaps from a very slight advance south of Kiev.

Baltic Battle

Four Soviet torpedo-boats scattered an enemy convoy escorted by destroyers and torpedo-boats in the Baltic and sank a barge laden with tanks and infantry, reports the official Tass agency in Moscow last night.

One Soviet vessel was damaged in the engagement but the others formed a smoke-screen round her, beat off the enemy and escorted her to her base. -- Reuter.

Nazi Admission

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The latest German High Command communique which says that the Luftwaffe started a big fire in a raid on Moscow, admits that the Russians are staging determined counter-attacks in the Smolensk area. -- International News Service.

1,500,000 Casualties

The Russian communique, which still reports intensive fighting in some areas, indicates that the Germans are making little progress, according to military circles, and it is possible that the only advances, and these very slow, are being made in the south-east direction from Zhitomir in the thrust to the Ukraine. It is difficult yet to say whether the Russian counter-attacks

in the Smolensk direction might be the initial stages of an offensive against the Germans.

Mr. Lozovsky, of the Russian Information Bureau, stated that German losses in the first month of fighting were 1,500,000 men, more than 3,000 planes and about 5,000 tanks.

The Moscow newspaper "Red Star" declares that the exhaustion of German oil reserves is imminent as she at present is using about two million tons per month and only 20 per cent. of her current needs can be produced internally.

The paper stresses the importance of destruction caused by Russian air raids on Ploesti, the oil centre in Rumania. -- British Wireless.

Soviet Communique

The following communique was issued by the Soviet Information Bureau last evening:

"On July 30, our troops continued fighting the enemy in the Novoshev, Nevel and especially stubbornly in the Smolensk and Zhitomir directions. In other directions and sectors of the front no important engagements took place.

"Our air force, in close co-operation with land troops, continued to deal blows to enemy tanks and infantry troops and to his aircraft on aerodromes.

"They also bombed Ploesti and Sulin where large fires broke out as a result of the bombing.

"On July 29 our air force, according to incomplete data, destroyed nine German planes. We lost five planes.

German Losses

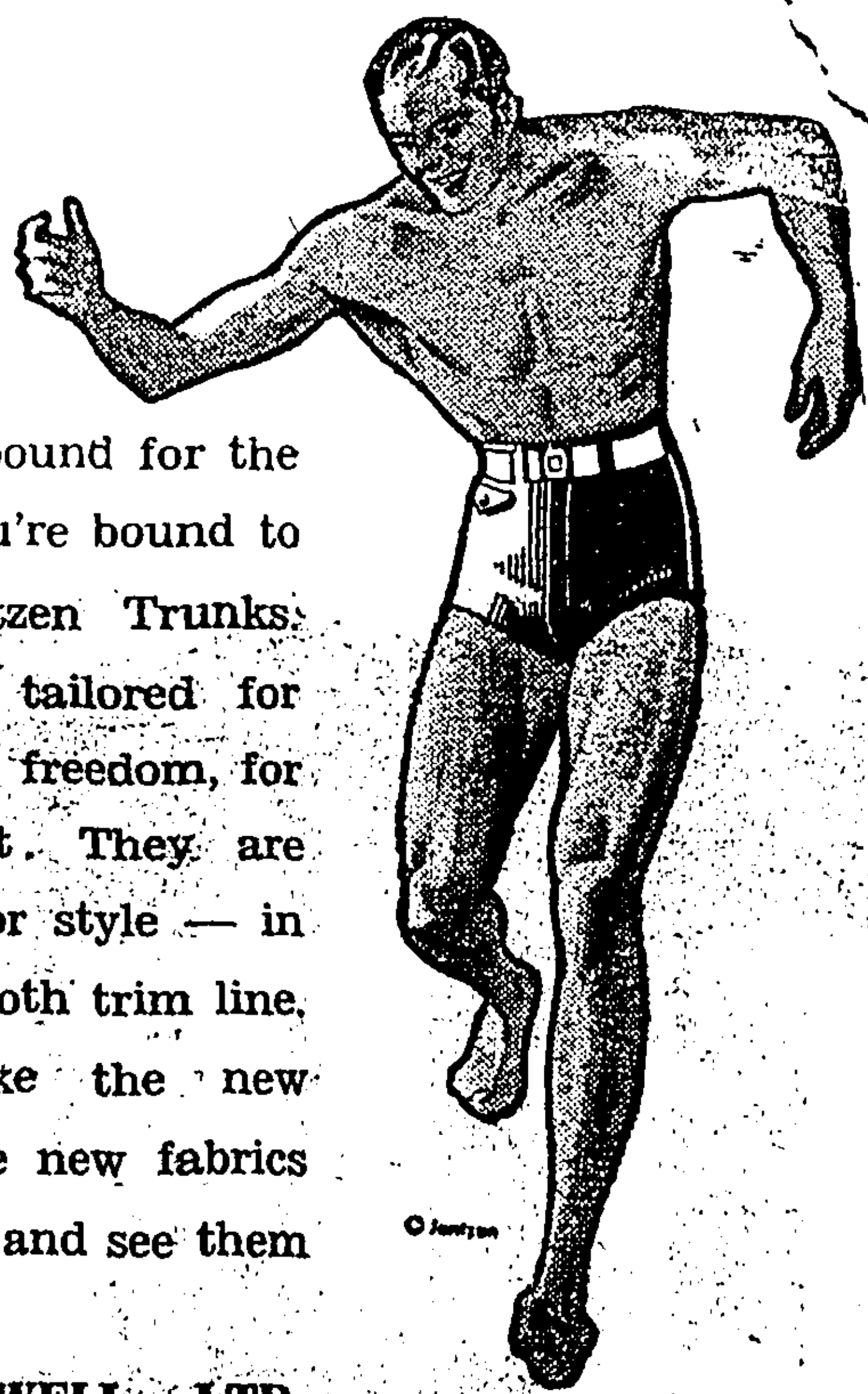
"German troops operating in the Smolensk direction sustained heavy losses in men and equipment.

"A few days ago Red Army units completely smashed a motorized infantry regiment of Storm Troopers, the 'Great Germany,' which belonged to a division of special attachments.

"In fighting with a Red Army regiment the Storm Troopers lost over 2,000 men and officers killed and wounded and several hundred prisoners, 30 sub-machine guns, 12 heavy machine guns, 11 guns of various calibre, 14 anti-tank guns, many cars and much ammunition." -- Reuter.

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